

Following Up

Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed: Follow up with those they have met

Who this is for: Everyone

Desired impact on disciples: see follow up not just as a task but a way to love new students

Desired impact on campus/others: New students feel loved and valued and want to be a part of the community

Hear the word

Luke 10:29b-37

[The man] asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Gather just before a planned follow up session.

- What do you remember about first arriving here?
- What was difficult about it?

There are a lot of new students here. They probably aren't physically beaten, but they do need emotional and spiritual support. Jesus said: Go and do the same. Let's do that! We've met lots of people, and we're going to go get to know them better and love them. Pray for: awareness of needs, availability, openness, following Spirit's guidance (like talking with someone we weren't planning to see)

Respond actively

Immediately: Go out in pairs, bringing a welcome gift to new students. Ask questions to learn more about them. Offer to pray for them. Cast vision about our community and invite them to our next events.

Debrief and Interpret

Gather right after the follow up is done.

- What responses did you get?
- What did you learn about the people that you met with?
- How were your eyes opened to the needs around you?
- How can you continue to love these new friends and welcome them into our community?

Expand the influence

Who else could join you the next time?