

# Spiritual Needs Process

This process may be used to identify some of the needs people have in relation to their current walk with God. You can use it as a starting point when faced with the question of how to set goals for the individuals in your groups, or the individual people you are mentoring or in relationship with. I say starting place, because ultimately our primary guide is the Holy Spirit, and it's important to bathe every unique circumstance in prayer.

## **Pre-Christian**

- A secure relationship with a more mature believer
- A picture of the real Jesus lived out in front of them
- Answers, evidences for Christianity
- An explanation of the gospel message
- An invitation to receive Christ

## **New Christian (Infant)**

- Individual attention from a spiritual parent
- Protection
- An explanation of the truths (new truths) found in the Word of God
- An explanation and modeling of the habits of a growing believer

## **Rookie Christian (Child)**

- A spiritual family
- Help for how to start feeding themselves
- Teaching about who they are in Christ
- Teaching about how to have relationship with Christ
- Teaching about how to have relationship with other believers
- Teaching about appropriate expectations concerning other believers

## **Veteran Christian (Young Adult)**

- A place to learn to serve
- A spiritual parent who will debrief them about ministry experiences
- Ongoing relationships that offer encouragement and accountability
- Help for establishing boundaries
- Guidelines regarding appropriate expectations of people they will serve
- Help in identifying their gifts
- Skills training

## **Christian Leader (Spiritual Parent)**

- An on-going relationship with co-laborers
- A church family
- Encouragement