



Lesson Two

“Starting Line Ministry Training”

Objective: *To provide training to put salvation ministry into action at Xceleration Church.*

STARTING LINE is the Xceleration Church vision to start new believers on their journey with Christ.

When someone expresses their desire to receive Christ by returning their registration card to the VIP Welcome center or “starting line,” we have an opportunity to really minister to them while their spiritual birth certificate is being filled in. We will minister to them in several ways.

I. Salvation Ministry – Starting Line

1. We will take a moment to _____ the plan of salvation in order to assure their hearts.

Heb 10:22 NKJV *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...*

2. Satan comes immediately to _____ the word that is not completely understood.

Matt 13:18-19 NKJV *“Therefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.*

When someone brings their card to receive their Spiritual Birth Certificate, you will hand it off to the person doing the printing. While it is being printed use that opportunity to use the “**Starting Line**” Brochure – (**Congratulations on Your Decision to Trust Jesus for Salvation**). It will be part of a packet of items you will give the person before they leave. Turn it to the back cover and begin to show them the plan of salvation.

Taking the time to fully explain the plan of salvation is critical to the believer’s success. **Remember faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God and the Gospel is the power of salvation!**

3. People need to know that they are _____ and have a brand new life even though they may not feel any different.

1 John 1:9; 2 Cor. 5:17; Psalm 103:2; Isaiah 38:17

4. Salvation ministry should be done _____ yet effectively.

5. Make _____ with the person as you go through the salvation information.

6. Remember to _____ and be friendly! We have GOOD NEWS!

Since you'll be standing close with the person, be sure to have breath mints on hand before you begin to minister. There will be times that you may go over the information with more than one person. Be sure to make eye contact with everyone in the group.

After you have gone through the plan of salvation, open the flyer and begin to explain the next steps to ensure their success as believers. Assure them that we have a map that leads to success and if they follow these steps, they will cross the finish line successfully!

II. Next Step Ministry – Starting Line

1. The first step after salvation is to make a _____ declaration of your decision through water baptism.

Matt 10:32-33 NKJV *"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.*

I usually ask them if they have been baptized before. If it was when they were a child, I let them know how important it is that they make a public declaration of their faith now.

If they are rededicating their lives and have already been baptized before – they may or may not want to be baptized again, its totally up to them, We will accommodate their wishes either way.

Give them the “Water Baptism Schedule Card” or direct them to the sign up on the app. Encourage them to schedule as soon as possible and to invite their friends and family to join them for this special day. Our baptism coordinator will be in touch to schedule.

Since every one of the first steps after salvation may be signed up for on the app – encourage them to download the app asap. You may want to have them download it right then so you can show them how to navigate through it to sign up for the various steps they will need to take.

2. The second step is to let them know the importance of _____ and daily _____ reading.

Give them a copy of the 30 day prayer and Bible study book and encourage them to begin reading God’s Word and praying every day. Ask them if they have a Bible. If they do not, offer them one at no charge from the stack that is on the table.

3. The third step is encouraging church _____.

This is done easily through the app. It's not enough to believe, you need to belong. Encourage them about our church and how our pastor is available to all. Show them where her phone number is on the notesheet.

4. The fourth step is “_____ Classes” – which we call Firm Foundation.

Firm Foundation classes can be taken immediately. You could give a quick testimony about how these classes have changed your life! Introduce them to Pastor Carolyn.

5. The fifth step is getting connected through _____.

We are not asking them to make a decision right away on this one unless they express an interest to get started. Share your own testimony about the joy of serving others at Xceleration Church.

6. Be _____ to the Holy Spirit and to the person you are ministering to.

Be prayed up, having asked God to use you!

If they seem to be in a hurry, be polite and respectful. You can always give them the packet and ask them to look it over when they have more time. On the other hand, be sensitive to those who seem to need and desire more time.

The most important aspect of the starting line ministry is to connect with an individual receiving Christ and follow up with them on their next steps.

After they have received their spiritual birth certificate, their first time visitor gift and bag of next step items, the next step is to add their sticker to the “You Belong Here” wall.

A red sticker is available in the cabinet top drawer, write their initials on the sticker and go with them to place the sticker on the wall.