

Ministry Team Lesson (4/19/10)

Establish

Remember the 4 E's of Discipleship: Engage, Establish, Equip and Empower.

Today we will discuss **Establish**. To **ESTABLISH** means to place or settle in a secure position or condition; to install or, to make firm or secure.

What are some areas in people's lives that need to be "made secure" or "stabilized" when they come to faith in Christ?

What foundations should we help others build their lives upon?

1. Jesus: The foundational building stone of every Christian's life is their personal relationship with Jesus. That relationship must be cultivated and developed through a strong devotional life, trusting Him in every situation, and learning to obey His teachings.

This (Jesus) is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Acts 4:11 (Parenthesis added)

Give some examples of how we can teach others to grow in their trust and obedience to the Lord, and walk with Him more closely.

2. The Bible: The truth that is contained in God's Word must become the standard and absolute authority for every area of our lives. Jesus demonstrated this principle clearly in His temptation when He said,

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "
Matthew 4:4

How can you help someone secure a habit of reading the Bible daily?

3. Prayer: Prayer is our communication with God and our lifeline. We are instructed throughout Scripture to pray as a lifestyle, not as a special event.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing... 1Thessalonians 5:16-17

What are some practical tips to cultivating a strong prayer life? What tools are available to help in this?

4. Fellowship: Christianity is a team sport; no one is intended to live it alone. Relationship with other believers is a critical component of our lives

in Christ.

Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common.

Acts 2:44

How can I cultivate healthy relationships with other Christians?

How am I doing in securing these foundations in the lives of those I walk with?