

# First Step

The result of SpringLife will be new and old believers applying themselves to obey God's will. Every follower of Jesus Christ is called to be a witness of His grace and a disciple of His ways. It is not a message that Jesus intended to keep quiet.

**THE FIRST STEP** is to pray. Pray for those who know Jesus to have the courage to share their personal faith in Him verbally more often. Pray for the lost. Pray that many will give their lives to Jesus personally during SpringLife. Pray for an atmosphere of urgency. We have a message to share and NOW is the time to share it! Pray for deep spiritual foundations in Jesus to take place.

Everyone can grow closer to Christ and the new converts from this emphasis will need to get off to a great start in their relationship with Christ. Pray for a renewed focus for the congregation you work with. Ask God to help everyone get their eyes off of temporary matters and onto the things that will matter forever. Most of all, pray that God's will is done in this season for eternity. He must be at work if genuine ongoing witnessing, salvation and discipleship ever take place in this world. With Him leading the way and all of us doing our part, churches will be rejuvenated, souls will be saved and all will grow closer to Jesus than ever before throughout SpringLife and beyond . . .

## SpringLife Ministry Resources

Reference these documents for more detailed information, instructions and ideas for every name on God's list:

- Leader's Guide
- Team Vision (Handout for Staff & Volunteers)
- History of Lent & Easter
- Prayer & Fasting
- Evangelism Tools
- Baptism
- Media Resources
- Promotional Ideas
- Children, Youth & Adult Lessons

# Resources

The resources are designed to help guide local church leaders cover the major mission of the church – evangelism and spiritual formation. Some ideas and resources may be a perfect fit for your congregation while others are best left as ideas. Mix and match, recruit teachers and leaders – but above all ask the Holy Spirit for guidance.

**Resources are available for children, youth and adults. Further explanation of three major areas (Prepare, Answer and Hope) are as follows:**

## 1

### **Prepare (Pre-Easter)**

- Evangelism Training & PowerPoint
- Sermon Series
- Fasting & Daily Devotions
- Children, Youth & Adult Lessons
- Leader Guides & Tips for Teachers
- Event Ideas & Promotion (All Ages)

## 3

### **Hope (Post-Easter)**

- Celebration Sunday/Baptisms
- Sermon Series
- Daily Devotions
- Children, Youth & Adult Lessons
- Leader Guides & Tips for Teachers

## 2

### **Answer (Easter Sunday)**

- Week of Witness Challenge
- Salvation Sermon
- Children, Youth & Adult Lessons
- Easter Weekend Activities
- Outreach Ideas
- Multimedia Ideas

# Prepare

Invite the entire church (adults, youth and children) to participate in learning and practicing how to be a better, more intentional witness for Jesus Christ. Messages, Sunday school/small group lessons, daily devotions and evangelism training are available in these materials to inform or remind every person what it means to share his/her faith personally.

We need to remember that every name has a soul. Just as someone shared the Good News of Jesus with us, we need to do the same for others. Help reduce the fear of sharing faith by giving everyone practical witnessing tools and encouraging them to rely on God's help. Ask the Holy Spirit to stir up an urgency to see many others saved by and discipled for Jesus Christ.

- Training for sharing your faith
- Engage in daily devotions and regular fasting
- Invite non-believers to church
- Share your faith in Jesus verbally
- Keep witnessing throughout the entire year
- Believe God for new converts
  - Add to the online prayer wall and your very own prayer wall

# Answer

We are to give an answer to everyone about what makes our life different and headed toward heaven. People are asking all kinds of questions today. In a world where opinion rules, why not give someone the TRUTH? There is salvation and hope through Jesus Christ!

Not only do we need to offer the answer of Jesus to life's questions, we all need to be more intentional about asking "The Question" – Do you know Jesus Christ personally? Having asked the question, the Good News that Jesus still saves lives, forgives sin, and offers hope for eternity - this needs to be shared with every person we come in contact with. Preparing to be a better witness for Jesus is extremely important. Having a healthy church is nice too. Yet, sharing the Truth of God into someone's life is the most important responsibility every Christian has every day.

- Week of Witness Challenge
- Celebrate the Resurrection
- Present the Gospel in all Small Groups/Sunday School Lessons & Sermon
- Ask "The Question" on Easter Sunday – Do you know Jesus personally?
- Hospitality Groups – Help keep everyone connected and growing in Jesus
- Reach out in your community for Christ
- Disciple new and existing converts to new depths with Jesus

# Hope

# 3

Every name has a soul. Every soul is created by God to spend an eternity with Him in heaven. Since sin has put that destiny in jeopardy, we must be more and more urgent about offering and developing the hope of Jesus in every person's life possible.

Do you remember the hope and excitement you had inside of you about God when you accepted Jesus as your personal Savior? Do you still enjoy growing and achieving new heights in your spiritual altitude? Help the entire body of Christ around you to experience again or for the first time what it actually means to be a Christ follower. Get the new believers around you off to a great start in their newfound life in Christ. Keep the excitement going. Hope for what Jesus expects every believer to be and do – Grow to become more like Him every day!

- Welcome new believers
- Initial discipleship for all ages
- Small group involvement
- Connect beliefs and behaviors
- Hospitality Groups – Help keep everyone connected and growing in Jesus
- Keep Witnessing throughout the entire year
- Celebrate with Baptisms
  - Complete the online response form and share photos of your baptisms!