



TOTAL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT: Bible Instructor Training



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- **For what purpose do members join the church and enter into its activities?**

- To be fed ...
- Some come for Inspiration
- Out of habit ...
- Because God requires it



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- Personal needs ...
- Some bring suffering individuals to church
- Some see the church as a place of healing
- Fellowship, music, prayer, sermon ...
- To be part of the uniform ministries



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Why does the Church exist?

- To serve people who are not members – the world
- Are we doing that as disciples of Jesus?
- What was Jesus Mission? Luke 19:10





Total Member Involvement:

Is about being intentional in reaching the lost.

Is about every member doing something for Christ



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Total Member Involvement is God's way of **preparing** his people and the world for the second coming of Jesus.



Total Member Involvement is about becoming active disciples of Jesus. Here are some practical ways to become involved:

1. Invite other members of the church to get involved.
2. Organize a small group to visit and pray for the community.
3. Ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit daily.





- “Witnessing is simply cooperating with the Holy Spirit to glorify Jesus.
 - In the Spirit’s power and under His guidance, we testify of this amazing Christ who has transformed our lives.”
- Adult Sabbath School lesson 2020



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A Reminder

- “Let ministers teach church members that in order to grow in spirituality, they must carry the burden that the Lord has laid upon them—the burden of **leading souls into the truth.**”

- *Christian Service, p. 69*



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Consider This

If every member was involved in some form of personal outreach service, and holistic small group would the church grow?



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Connecting The Dots – TMI... GROW

- Since Sabbath School Holistic Small groups and Personal Ministries have similar objectives and
- Since both are integrally involved in reaching the lost we need to use whatever models are available to partner in ministry to achieve the mission of the Church.



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What is the GROW Model?

- GROW Your Church model is an initiative of the General Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department.
- It provides education and resources to help local churches in the great mission of making disciples.



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What is the GROW Model

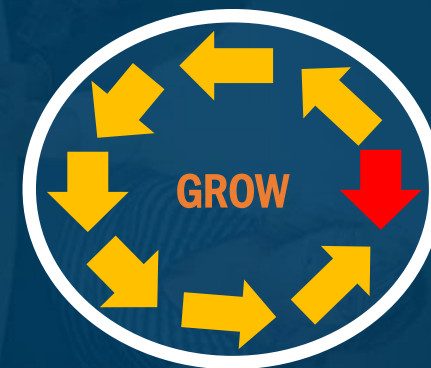
- It follows the agricultural method of soul-winning taught by Jesus, emphasizing evangelism as a process and not merely an event.
- Jesus illustrated this ongoing evangelistic activity using the harvest cycle.
- He spoke the parable of the sower in which the seed represented the Word of God and the soil represented the heart (see Luke 8:11, 12, 15).





THE GROW MODEL

- Growth is **sequential**; we can't skip steps
- Discipleship is **continuous**; if we're not growing, we're dying
- Discipleship is **cyclical**; it repeats and multiplies



TMI and GROW

- When every church is involved in Total Member Involvement and embraces the five essential phases of the GROW Model the church will experience real spiritual and numerical growth



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TMI in The Local Church



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Five Phases of GROW Model

- **PREPARE** the soil of the heart with friendship and service.
- **PLANT** the seed with spiritual conversations or with literature and media.
- **CULTIVATE** spiritual interest with ongoing Bible studies.



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Five Phases of GROW Model

- **HARVEST** decisions with appeals to follow Christ and be baptized.
- **PRESERVE** the harvest with ongoing discipleship of new members.



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Total Member Involvement means going where people are and mingling with them. Here are some ideas for getting personally involved:

ACTIVITIES

1. Choose five people you would like to bring to Jesus.
2. Pray, pray, and pray without growing weary, because conversion is the Holy Spirit's work.
3. Go where people gather.
4. Learn to love people and feel compassion for them.



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- “Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour **mingled** with men as one who **desired their good**. He **showed His sympathy** for them, **ministered to their needs**, and **won their confidence**. Then **He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’**” — [The Ministry of Healing, 143.](#)





In Total Member Involvement
disciples **follows** the master
and **does what the teacher**
teaches



The Method of Christ

First Step



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Make Friends

- a. People need to first be **drawn to you, whom they can see,** and then they will be attracted to Jesus, whom they cannot see.
- b. Win their friendship. **People do not follow strangers.**
- c. Building a friendship **takes time.**





Think About This

Who leads a young person to drugs? Their friends. The power of friendship is so great that **they agree to follow** their friends **despite the risk.**



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Second Step



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Do Good to People

- a. Invest time without giving the impression that you want to **convert** the person.
- b. Jesus “fed the hungry and healed the sick.”
- c. “By the good he accomplished, by his loving words and kindly deeds, he **interpreted the gospel to men.**”





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Third Step



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Show Sympathy

“If we would humble ourselves before God, **and be kind and courteous** and tenderhearted and pitiful, **there would be one hundred conversions** to the truth where now there is only one.”



Tips for Getting Close to People

1. Help them carry their purchases.
2. Take them a plate of food when you cook something special.
3. Offer to mow their yard.
4. Offer transportation.
5. Find out their birthday and take them a gift.
6. Help with home repairs if you have the skills.
7. Offer to wash their car.





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Fourth Step



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Meet People's Needs

1. All humans **face difficulties**.
2. Difficulties **can involve** family, economic, professional, physical, or existential questions.
3. All, at some point, feel lonely, sad, sorry, and **unable to find a way out**.



Meet People's Needs

4. In difficult times, the human tendency is to seek help and **open the heart to others.**
5. Usually this happens with a **Friend.**
6. Disciples of Christ **will be present to show Christ** as the only true solution.





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Fifth Step



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Gain Their Trust

1. Trust is the result **of time and shared experiences.**
2. Pay attention to what **people are saying.**
3. Even if what they say seems irrelevant, **do not show impatience.**





The Method of Christ **Sixth** **Step**



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Share Truth

1. As **your friendships develop**, people will notice there is something different about you.
2. When you **perceive a friend's interest** in spiritual matters, it's time to share Bible truth.
3. If you don't know how to give Bible studies (not all have the same gifts: Romans 12:4-7), **look for helpful resources**, such as studies on DVD or online.





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Seventh Step



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Teach How to Make Other Disciples

1. The **process of discipleship** does not end with baptism.
2. Teach new disciples to **pray and study the Bible** daily.
3. Teach new disciples to **make more disciples.**
4. The new believer who becomes a disciple will **“never backslide.”**





Teach
How to
Make
Other
Disciples

5. The new disciple will focus on **growing in Christ, and making more disciples.**
6. We cannot afford to have a church of **mere believers.**
7. This is why our mission is to **make disciples.**



Raising Awareness

5. We must use **the seven steps** of Jesus' method:

- ✓ Make Friends
- ✓ Do Good
- ✓ Show Sympathy
- ✓ Meet Needs
- ✓ Gain Trust
- ✓ Share Truth
- ✓ Make Disciplers



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Raising Awareness

1. We must accept Jesus' call to be **fishers of men.**
2. We must love as Jesus **loves.**
3. We must pray as Jesus **prayed.**
4. We must **understand Jesus' method** of winning disciples.



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REMEMBER

- Provide your Church with an opportunity for a Spiritual gifts awareness program
- Then Encourage every member/disciple based on their giftedness to be involved in **Total Member Involvement**



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ALWAYS REMEMBER

- “I planted, Apollos watered... **but God gave the increase.**

1 Corinthians 3:6

SO LET US ALL GET INVOLVED IN TMI



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Resources



- Christian Service – Ellen G. White
- Christ Object Lesson – Ellen G. White
- Ministry of Healing – Ellen G. White
- Testimonies Vol.6 – Ellen White
- Total Member Involvement – Alejandro Bullon
- Colporteur Ministry – Ellen White
- General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist
- Adult Sabbath School Lesson – Third quarter 2020



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