

One-time Appointments

8 Possible Goals

Ask God “what does this person need?”, and then follow what you think God wants you to do. Here are 7 possible things that you could help someone with.

- 1. Share the Gospel.** 2 options: You can set up a meeting by telling them in advance you want to talk about God or you can just ask them to do something (like lunch or coffee) and then plan on transitioning to sharing the Gospel. Telling them in advance can work well because they know something spiritual is coming their way. Because of this you don't have to worry about transitioning to the Gospel. You can just go for it once you meet. Examples of questions to ask or text to set up a meeting could be *“Want to get together to talk more about God?”* *“Could we get together for lunch or coffee and I could share with you more about our group?”* Also, just asking someone to a meal or coffee can work great too. You do not need advanced permission to share the Gospel! With this style you just have to learn how to transition talking from non-spiritual to spiritual things. Both of these 2 sharing styles can work really well.
- 2. Build a relationship.** Sometimes the best thing for you to do with someone may be to do a purely fun activity. Just get lunch, have coffee, or do something fun to build a closer relationship.
- 3. Counsel a problem.** Sometimes a relationship problem, depression issue, or some other problem arises in our ministry. A one-time appointment is a great avenue for being a help to them. Watch out for certain types of people that may suck your time away from better soil people. Here is a simple 5 step plan for counseling someone through a problem.
 - 1. Listen Deeply.** “Tell me what’s going on.”
 - 2. Draw out more.** “Tell me more about...” “What did you mean by...”
 - 3. Clarify the Problem.** “What I am hearing from is _____.” “It sounds like _____”
 - 4. Ask Powerful Questions.** “What do you want to happen? What is keeping you from that? What decisions have led you to where you are now? Why do you think this is happening? If it were a perfect world, what would you like to happen?”
 - 5. Brainstorm Actions Steps.** What would happen if you _____? What can you do specifically this week to try to help this? What is a first baby step you could take? Can you let me know this Friday how that baby step went?
- 4. Cast Vision.** Many students could be reaching out to others, sharing their faith, starting Discovery Groups, and going on mission trips. However, many of them could use a 1 on 1 nudge of vision and encouragement. Meet up with someone you see potential in and tell them you believe in them and what they could do for God. If this person actually does what you are encouraging them to do, then they may be a great person for you to start regularly meeting up with and pouring your life into.
- 5. Correct wrong behavior.** A one-time appointment is a great environment for correction because you will have plenty of time to “sandwich” the correction with love.
- 6. Impact Training.** Impact training is a simple way to train a believer how to make an impact among his friends and family.
- 7. Train them in an area of need.** A one-time appointment is also great way to train someone about why they should get baptized, how to have a personal time with God, how to start a Discovery Group, and more. This is also a good way to test and see if someone is teachable and reliable.
- 8. Include them in your normal life.** This may be running an errand or doing homework. Including others in the daily tasks of life can make a huge impact on their lives. The most powerful lesson you could ever teach someone is how you live your life.

Consider making a weekly goal of One-time Appointments. Could you try to do 1 a week? 2 a week? 3? 4? 5? Even if you consistently did 1 appointment a week, God could do AMAZING things with that consistency!