

## **LEADERSHIP LESSON 37: MAKING MINISTRY VISITS TO THE HOME**

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Ministry is one of the primary functions of Sunday School. Ministry can take place during class time. It can take place in the hospital. It also takes place through visits in the home. Making ministry visits **extends** the ministry of the teacher and class.

1. What is a ministry visit?

A ministry visit is an opportunity to meet needs of class members in **crisis**. It allows the class to connect to the member or prospect on a “human level.” It takes the class’s ministry **outside the walls** of the classroom.

2. What kind of crisis calls for a ministry visit?

- ▣ **Birth** of a child
- ▣ **Death** of family member
- ▣ Loss of **job**
- ▣ **Chronic** or **acute** illness
- ▣ Separation or divorce
- ▣ Family **issues**
- ▣ **Spiritual** crisis
- ▣ Any other issue that causes **disruption** in family life

3. How do I prepare for a ministry visit?

- ▣ Know the **reason** for the visit
- ▣ Pray
- ▣ Assemble **resources** available to meet the need/crisis
  - i. Information
  - ii. Physical resources
  - iii. Volunteers
- ▣ **Arrange** visit time – some people will require that you make an appointment.

4. What do I do during the visit?

- ▣ **Pray**, again! Assign at least one member of the visitation team to pray silently during the visit.
- ▣ **Listen**! Don’t do all the talking. Many times people just need someone to listen.
- ▣ **Share**! Give encouragement. Give resources. Give instruction if needed!
- ▣ **Assure**! Assure the person in crisis of God’s love and your concern.

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