

# Adult Discipleship Leader S.K.I.L.L. Lesson #2

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  2. **Friendships Needed**—whether you call these groups Sunday School or Small Groups the important thing is that these new converts get “plugged” into these groups as soon as possible.
  3. **Relationship Needed**—this is perhaps the most difficult part in this process.
  4. **Communication Needed**—Communicating with God is a simple way of saying “prayer.”

### ◆ Attention Leaders ◆

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