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.

After the visit, report results to the class and if necessary to the staff/deacons. Follow-up!
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   It takes the class’s ministry _________________ ______. __________ of the classroom.

1. What kind of crisis calls for a ministry visit?
   - ______ of a child
   - ______ of family member
   - Loss of ______
   - ______ or ______ illness
   - Separation or divorce
   - Family ____________
   - _______________ crisis
   - Any other issue that causes ______________ in family life

2. How do I prepare for a ministry visit?
   - Know the ____________ for the visit
   - Pray
   - Assemble ____________ available to meet the need/crisis
     i. Information
     ii. Physical resources
     iii. Volunteers
   - _______________ visit time – some people will require that you make an appointment.

3. What do I do during the visit?
   - P______, again! Assign at least one member of the visitation team to pray silently during the visit.
   - L________! Don’t do all the talking. Many times people just need someone to listen.
   - S_______! Give encouragement. Give resources. Give instruction if needed!
   - A_______! Assure the person in crisis of God’s love and your concern.

After the visit, __________ ____________ to the class and if necessary to the staff/deacons. Follow-up!