

After the Seed Has Been Planted

➤ Fertilize it with _____.

1 Timothy 2:1-4; see also John 6:44; Romans 10:1; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 5:14-15

➤ Water it with _____.

Colossians 4:5-6

● _____ words.

Luke 4:22; Ephesians 4:29

● _____ words.

Matthew 5:13

● _____ words.

1 Peter 3:15

➤ Expose it to the light of _____.

Philippians 1:27; see also Romans 12:17-21; 1 Corinthians 10:28-29; 2 Corinthians 3:2; Ephesians 5:11-14; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 4:11-12; Titus 2:1-10

Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. If you are a Christian, how long did it take for God to ripen you spiritually? What events, circumstances and people did He use in the process? If you are not yet a Christian, why do you think faith has not yet sprouted in your life?
2. What are some ways God might use non-evangelists even more powerfully than evangelists to help reach certain people? What do you believe your role is in helping to cultivate the pre-Christians you care about?
3. Read Romans 10:1. Whose salvation are you praying for? How long have you been praying for this person? How often do you pray for them? What have you seen God do so far in his/her life?
4. Read Colossians 4:5-6. Which of the three types of curiosity-arousing words do you use least? Why? How can you become more skillful in using words to share your faith?
5. If someone were to ask you to explain the message of Christ to them, what points would you make? What verses would you quote?
6. If it's true that "your life is the message", in what ways do you believe you are representing Christ well? In what ways may you be misrepresenting Him?