

Your Role as Advisor

The book is the teacher

In one way, you are not the teacher. This is because the book itself gives the teaching in a simple way. It asks easy questions and it even gives the answers at the end of each lesson. The picture of the 'teacher' reminds the learner(s) of the main points. This makes your task easier, because you do not need to write the lessons yourself. You should not use the discussion time to give a sermon, but rather to help the learners explore and apply the teaching which has already been given in the book.



You are a mentor and friend

The learners look to you as their mentor. You are their role model, advisor and friend. They will watch you carefully. Your example is more important than your knowledge. As one Afghan believer said, *"when I asked for Bible study... I was studying the person who was discipling me"*.

Remember that learners are adults, not children. They have many experiences of life which they can contribute to the group. Therefore in the discussion time, ask them lots of questions. Ask them about their opinions and experiences. Help them to think for themselves. Make sure that they do the 'practical task' each week. Be a good model for them. Care for them. Pray for them. Share their joys and sorrows. As crises arise, help them to face them with a godly attitude.

Meet up with your friend informally outside of the weekly meeting. Have them over for a meal, or go out to do something fun together. Do normal things together. You would be surprised how much they pick up from watching your actions and reactions, how you deal with stress, how you forgive others, your habits, your family life.

Disciples make disciples

A course book cannot make a disciple. Only disciples make disciples. Someone helped you grow as Christ's disciple. Now it is your turn to help someone else grow. These days more Muslim people are turning to Jesus than ever before. But evangelism without discipling brings limited fruit. May God use you as his co-worker, to see fruit multiplied in the lives and families of his dear people coming from Islam to follow Jesus Christ.