**First Meeting**

Security Considerations:

* Screen the online profile of the contact (even prior to calling)
* Choose a public place where you will talk together
* Scout out the area in advance
* Consider a place to meet and then walk together to the place (of your choice) to talk further
* Change locations at the last minute if needed/suspicious
* When meeting, face the direction of most probable risk
* Go with someone else if possible (2-by-2)—this has many advantages
* Have one person show up a bit late with a Book (to give)
* Consider particular security concerns related to your specific context

Helpful Tips:

* Review “Phone Calls Best Practices” for general tips that may also apply here
* **Pray in advance**
* **Smile**
* **Listen to them**—out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks
* **Look for opportunities to instill good DNA early**
  + Promote discovering, sharing, obeying
  + Encourage faith that God has and will lead them *and* others
  + Cast vision for the lost (family, friends, country, nations)
  + Ask: With who could you share/study this?
  + Share your testimony if/when appropriate
  + Avoid being “the answer man” – even if they have many questions, point them to the Book as the source of authority
  + MAWL: Model, Assist, Watch, Leave (i.e. use reproducible concepts/methods)
  + Pray *with*/for them
* **Give them access to the Word**
  + Hard copy vs. (phone) app?
  + Dialect vs. formal language translation?
  + Give an overview of the Book’s layout
* **Get started in the Word together**
  + A single book approach has its advantages (i.e. Matthew or Luke)
  + Model an informal (group) discovery study that includes obeying and sharing
* **Consider making subsequent meetings contingent upon the obedience and initiative/intentionality of the contact**
* The best way to become better at these initial visits is to do them. Go for it!