
Teaching the Bible

Share the story of a person whose teaching influenced you. What was special about this teacher? Why do you think they were effective in teaching?

Teaching God's word is a special responsibility and privilege. To some extent, the leader will be held to a very high standard to teach it accurately (James 3:1). That standard is marked not just by the privilege of teaching, but also by a responsibility to accurately handle the word of God. With the religious diversity present in so many countries and people groups, not to mention the growth of heretical Christian religions, this task is vitally important to the long-term sustainability of church planting movements.

A Special Responsibility and Privilege

Below are several verses about the responsibility and privilege we have in teaching others the Bible. What are the key points that you take away from each of these verses?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

1 Timothy 4:6

1 Timothy 6:3

Titus 1:9

Discovery Method of Learning

A part of being a good teacher is studying the Bible. Below are a list of questions that help us learn what a passage of the Bible means and how we can apply it to our lives. Become familiar with these questions and practice using them as you do your personal Bible study.

1. What did you like about the story or passage? What didn't you understand?
2. What did you learn about the people in the story or passage?
3. What does the story or passage say about God or Jesus?
4. How does this story or passage fit into the Grand Narrative of the Bible?
5. What example or command is there to follow?
6. What will you do differently as a result of hearing the story or passage?

Lesson Outline

1. What does it say?
2. What do I teach?
3. What do we do?

Application: False Doctrine

A teacher of the Bible also needs to be concerned about false doctrines that are taught by those claiming to be Christian. The best way to know what doctrines are false is to know what true faith is. Using the Discovery Method of Learning and the Lesson Outline questions, read and study the following passage and create an outline that you can teach about the true faith. Use the space below for your lesson.

Colossians 2:6-15

Message Title:

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What do I teach?

1. What example or command is there to follow?

What do we do?

1. What will you do differently as a result of hearing the story or passage?