

Campaign Workshop Class Notes

Thank you. (Details of upcoming campaign: Date, purpose, NW is just skeleton crew etc)

Today's Schedule

Morning Class

Sermon

Lunch

How to open your Bible and teach God's plan of salvation

Demonstration Study

How to ask people to study and a demonstration

How many of you have ever been to a funeral of a relative or friend who was not a member of the church? Did the preacher say, "Poor fellow, he is burning in hell?"

Of course not. How did you feel?

Did you ever ask these people to study?

If you close enough to him to go to his funeral weren't you close enough to ask him to study?

How many of you have ever taught someone one-on-one the bible and how to be saved?

In last 5 years?

Past 1 year?

Past 6 months?

In the first Century

Acts 2:41 3,000 added in one day

Acts 2:47 people saved daily

Acts 4:4 5,000 new believers

Acts 5:14 multitudes were added

Acts 6:7 numbers multiplied greatly

In 1940's and 50's Church of Christ was fastest growing religious body in America. Now just holding our own.

The 13,000 congregations are growing at less than 1/2 of 1% per year.

Is your congregation growing at even this rate?

Generally 2-3 members per 100 are actively teaching others one-on-one to convert them to Christ. Is this true in your congregation?

Are we really the first century church of the NT?

2 Questions:

1. Should we teach? Personally, individually, one-on-one to convert to Christ?
2. What is the Back to the Bible method of teaching?

FIRST QUESTION: SHOULD WE TEACH?

List No's, List Yes's Then decide.

REASONS NOT TEACH

FEAR

Might say no. Feel rejected. Awful feeling. But they are rejecting Bible, not us. We keep going.

Consider Paul in Lystra

Acts 14:19 “*And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having **stoned Paul**, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.*”

He was rejected many times and kept on teaching.

Consider Jesus: Rejected by his own friends in Nazareth. Kept on teaching. Crucified. Came back & taught.

Luke 4:28-31 “*And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 And rose up, and **thrust him out of the city**, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. 30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way, 31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days”*

Might say YES. Don't know how to teach. Might teach or say something wrong.

Preparation. Workshop. Fear is good. Makes adrenaline flow.

Revelation 21:8 “*But the **fearful**, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, **shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**”*

TOO BUSY Time Management Course? Set priorities.

Mathew 6:33 “*But **seek ye first the kingdom of God**, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

PREACHERS AND MISSIONARIES SHOULD DO IT.

They are paid and we give to support them. But there are many more members than preachers.

Members have more credibility because they are not paid.

Read earlier in Acts, church was growing incredibly fast. Did the 12 Apostles teach everyone?

Acts 8:4 “***Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word**”*

WE DON'T REALLY BELIEVE THERE IS A HELL.

Believe with heads. Not with hearts. Are our dead family members and friends really burning forever? Ever heard a funeral preached - poor fellow is now burning in hell?

Luke 16:22-26 *Jesus says “**And it came to pass**, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and **send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.** 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a **great gulf** fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.”*

Mathew 7:13-14 *Jesus says “ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”*

POOR HEALTH Paul had health problems

2 Cor 12:7 “*And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a **thorn in the flesh**, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.*”

AGE

Too young - Timothy was a young man.

1 Tim 4:12 “***Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity***”

Teen-age Christians on campaign. Do great job. Enthusiastic. Especially with teen-age studies. Uplift us all.

Too old:

Titus 2:2-3 “*But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: 2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. 3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, **teachers of good things**; 4 That they may **teach the young** women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,*”

WOMAN.

Acts 18:24-26 *And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. 26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when **Aquila and Priscilla** had heard, **they** took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.*

DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED

1 of 40 strangers on campaign agree to study.

John 4:35 “*Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, **Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.***”

MANY WILL FALL AWAY

Luke Chp 8 :5-15 Parable of the Sower. 4 Soils. Jesus is discussing believers.

Seed is the word of God. Sower is the teacher. Soil is the student.

ROAD-Devil takes away. ROCKY- No firm root.

THORNS- Choked by worries and pleasures of the world. GOOD GROUND - Bears fruit.

3 out 4 will fall away. But 1 out 4 will remain faithful. We don't know who it will be.

We are sowers not soil inspectors. The sower sowed everywhere. We teach everywhere.

YOUNG CHILDREN AT HOME

Babysitter?

Mothers day out?

Evening?

TOO MANY PEOPLE IN WORLD SO IT IS FUTILE TO TRY

Take 31 day job. Paid penny on first day. Double every day. 2 pennies second day. 4, 8, 16 etc.

Take job? Pay for day 31 is \$10,737,000. Pay for full month is \$21,474,000.

If every member in church taught 1 member per year, and each one of them taught one member per year and so on,

the whole world would be Christians in 11 years.

REASONS WE SHOULD TEACH

- 1. COMMAND
- 2. APPROVED EXAMPLE
- 3. NECESSARY INFERENCE (IMPLICATION)

COMMANDS

Mathew 28:19-20 *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”*

Mark 16:15-16 *“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. “*

2 Tim 4:2 *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

We are commanded: Who, What, When, Where, How

- 1. To teach
- 2. Who to teach - all nations, every creature
- 3. What to teach - the gospel - he who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved- the word
- 4. When to teach - in season and out of season - (all the time)
- 5. Where to teach - go into all the world. (Go, not wait for them to come)
- 6. How to teach - with all longsuffering and doctrine (patience and understanding)

It applies to us today, not just the apostles

2 TIM 2:2 Paul tells Timothy to teach others and then they must teach others and **pass it on.** *“ And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also”*

Paul was under compulsion to teach the gospel

1 Cor 9:16 *“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel”*

We are under compulsion to teach the gospel. Paul was chastising because they were not prepared to teach others.

Heb 5:12 *“For when for the time **ye ought to be teachers**, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.”*

Teachers will be great in heaven

Matt 5:19 *“Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: **but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.** “*

BIBLE COMMANDS US TO TEACH THE GOSPEL OF BELIEF AND BAPTISM TO EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME WITH GREAT PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.

EXAMPLES OF TEACHING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

ACTS Chapters 2,3,4 5, 6 we already looked at. Tremendous growth as Christians scattered and taught.

ACTS 5:42 *“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ”*

ACTS 8:5-25 Philip, Peter and John taught the Samaritans including Simon

ACTS 8: 26-39 Phillip taught the Ethiopian Eunuch

ACTS 8:40 *“But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.”*

ACTS 9:1-18 Annanias taught Paul.

ACTS all of Chapter 10 Peter taught Cornelius “ 48 And he **commanded them to be baptized** in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.”

ACTS 16: 25-33 Paul taught the Phillipian Jailer. “30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 32 **And they spake unto him the word of the Lord**, and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed [their] stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.”

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1COR 4:17 Paul taught everywhere. “ For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as **I teach every where in every church.**”

1 TIM 3:2 So important - **Elders must Teach!** “A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, **apt to teach;**” (Also Titus 1:9.)

We call ourselves New Testament Christians and wish to restore New Testament Christianity. The **Biblical example** the New Testament Christians left us is to teach.

ADDITIONAL REASONS TO TEACH

ONE OF THE MAIN PURPOSES OF CHURCH

EPH 3:10 *“To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, “*

SECOND GREAT COMMANDMENT

MATT 22: 39 Jesus said *“And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”* If we love others, we want them to go to heaven, not hell and so we will teach them.

NEVER KNOW HOW GREAT AN IMPACT YOU WILL HAVE

Paul’s conversion. Acts 9:1-18 Suppose no Annanias? New Testament letters?
Peter’s conversion. John 1:40-42 Suppose no Andrew? Sermon in Acts 2 converted 3,000 who scattered and went on to convert thousands more. Also wrote 1st and Second Peter.

TEACHING IS GOOD FOR THE TEACHER

James 5:20 *“Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.*

THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE ONLY YOU CAN REACH SOMEBODY TAUGHT US

WE ARE COMMANDED AND GIVEN EXAMPLES to

Assemble, Lord’s Supper, Give, Pray, Baptized, Sing with Melody in our hearts.

Are these optional? Or are all them, including teaching, binding?

2ND QUESTION: WHAT IS THE BACK TO THE BIBLE METHOD?

Just 3 things to remember - If you can do these, you can teach a study.

1. Read a Scripture (that you have underlined)
2. Ask a question (that you have written in the margin)
3. Turn to the next page (number you have written in the margin)

Church of Christ says : Speak where the Bible speaks. Be silent where the Bible is silent.

So-

Just Bible and pad of paper.

No tracts, brochures etc.

Just Student, Teacher and Silent Partner to take notes for the student to keep.

Called Safety Chain: Bible marked so passages make chain to the next passage.

Mark 2 Bibles. Student and Teacher

Underline the Scripture you want to read in both Bibles

Teacher bible - Margin - write the question to bring out the main point of the verse.

Margin - write the next Scripture and page number

READ THE SCRIPTURE , ASK THE QUESTION, TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE, OVER AND OVER.

THAT'S ALL THERE IS.

Verses in orderly fashion discuss

Authority of the Scriptures

Difference between Old and New Testaments

Necessity of Christ's blood

Plan of Salvation

In about 1 ½ hours, Baptism is discussed in natural sequence

Demands a decision RIGHT THEN.

2nd ½ teaches organization of church,

how to worship

what the Bible teaches about Christian living

Teaching ability - Little importance

Scriptures teach and convict honest hearts.

Simple, Short, Systematic, Scriptural

One congregation wrote "This method is simple and exciting because we are able to see results by almost everyone who tries to teach."

ENCOURAGE TO ATTEND WORKSHOP

Show you how to mark Bibles

Show you how to ask people to study

Conduct demonstration study

Whole thing takes about 2 ½ hours

Lunch in fellowship hall Workshop follows immediately

Please stay.

LOOKED AT 2 QUESTIONS:
SHOULD WE TEACH?
WHAT IS THE BACK TO THE BIBLE METHOD?
AND I ENCOURAGED YOU TO COME TO THE WORKSHOP

MY PERSONAL REASONS FOR TEACHING MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND CAMPAIGNING
TO TEACH STRANGERS

We've looked at the scriptural reasons why we should teach.
But these have to do with our logical, reasoning power - our head.
We all must make a decision with our heart as well.

So here are my 3 personal -heart- reasons why I teach others and why I am here today.

1. I absolutely hate going to the funerals of my family and friends when they were not members of the church.

I listen to the eulogy about how he is in a better place when I know the Bible teaches that if we are not members of the Lord's church we will be eternally damned. I hate the funeral even more if I never asked him to study the Bible. If I was close enough to him to go to his funeral, I was close enough to at least ask him to study.

2. I absolutely love to go on campaigns. It is enormously satisfying to knock doors and teach studies and watch people respond positively to God's word. It is one of the best feelings in the world when you teach the study and you ask your student to obey and he says yes. And then you watch him have his sins washed away and see him welcomed into the fellowship of the saints. Plus, the campaign is just a lot of fun. We spend a whole week with other Christians doing God's work and it is hard to beat.

3. Finally, here is my number one reason for teaching others.

I believe there is a heaven.

Revelation 21: 1-4 *"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. "*

I want to go to heaven. I want my family, my friends, my neighbors, my business associates, strangers, everyone to go there.
I don't want them or me to miss it because I failed to teach them.

Come to the workshop and learn how to teach people to go to heaven.