

Course Goal

This course will seek to improve the student's understanding and skill in the preparation and delivery of Bible lessons to various audiences. The student will review the principles of teaching and the key elements of communicating effectively. Emphases will be upon

1. the teacher's interpreting and understanding the Bible,
2. understanding the challenges of learners within various age or other demographic groups,
3. preparing and organizing Bible lessons,
4. methods for engaging and communicating Bible truth to students in order to effect change, and
5. practice in delivering Bible lessons in class.

Textbooks

Creative Bible Teaching by Larry Richards and Gary Bredfeldt
Parts I & II of *Effective Bible Teaching* by Wilhot and Ryken

Assignments

1. Sketch a **lesson plan** for a group of teenagers on Matthew 5:13-16 following the lesson plan template (Table 14a) in *Creative Bible Teaching*. Due after the mid-term exam but before February 28, 2010.
2. Present at your church a 30-40 minute **Inductive Bible Study** that involves class participation on the Bible passage of your choice. Lesson notes citing resources and planned questions (i.e., specific questions based on the general inductive questions that ask, "What does it say? What does it mean? What does it mean today? In what ways can we live this?") will be submitted to the instructor.
3. Prepare a 30-40 minute general Bible lesson plan on the doctrine, topic, or passage of your choice. Include a one page variation of this lesson for each of these two other groups: 1) mixed gender sixth graders, and 2) a church ladies' group.

Grading

Exams: 60% Readings: 25% Lessons: 15%

Class Outline

What makes for good or bad teaching? Principles of learning
God's Message: Teaching the Bible
Aims in teaching the Bible
Methods and Tools for teaching the Bible
Methods and Tools for teaching the Bible; methods of Jesus
Preparation to Teaching: knowing your target audience and how they learn
Preparation to Teaching: handling diverse types of biblical literature
Mid-term Exam by February 28, 2010
Preparing to Teach: analyzing and interpreting the text(s)
Preparing to Teach: structuring your message
Delivering the lesson: principles of oral communication (what not to do)
Delivering the lesson: principles of oral communication (what to do)
Student Bible Lessons in Class
Student Bible Lessons in Class
Final Exam by May 31, 2010