
Five Keys for the Effective Sunday School Class in Changing Times

1. Centered in God (prayer)
2. Caring enough to give every student a job to do
3. Connecting in fellowship
4. Committed to follow-up (within 24 hours of an absence)
5. Communicating on a regular basis via weekly newsletter (written or email)

Top Ten Indicators of a Healthy Sunday School

1. *Systematic Bible Study* (2 Timothy 2:15)—involves every age group of the local church in systematic Bible study
2. *Spiritual Formation* (Ephesians 4:14)—builds and nurtures the body
3. *Outreach/Evangelism* (Matthew 28:19-20)—equips for works of service and soulwinning
4. *Leadership Training* (2 Timothy 2:2)—provides ongoing training for teachers and leaders
5. *Member Involvement* (Acts 2:44-47)—fosters opportunity for relationship building and fellowship
6. *Learning Environment* (Matthew 13)—facilitates a God-centered setting for the teaching-learning experience
7. *Teaching Aids and Resources* (2 Timothy 3:16-17)—utilizes relevant curriculum supported with appropriate teaching aids and resources
8. *Family Ministry* (Deuteronomy 5; 6)—strengthens marriages, equips parents, enriches family life
9. *Assimilation/Follow-Up* (Ephesians 4:16)—extends care to prospects and integrates them into the church family
10. *Structured for Growth* (John 15:8)—reproduces itself through new classes and new churches

5 Keys for Growth in the Purpose-driven Sunday School Class

1. Centered in God (prayer)
2. Caring enough to involve students. Give everybody a job to do.
3. Connecting in fellowship
4. Communicating on a regular basis (weekly newsletter). "They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."
5. Committed to follow-up

Six Ingredients of Sunday School

1. Evangelism of unbelievers
2. Systematic Bible study
3. Effective teaching and Bible exploration
4. Fellowship
5. Care and unconditional love
6. Leading people to worship God as they get to know Him through the study of His Word

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