

Thank you. (If applicable, details of upcoming campaign: Date, Purpose, NW is just skeleton crew)

Last Night

- Keeping the Saved Saved
- Practical Local Evangelism

Today

- Morning Class - Should We Teach?
- Sermon - The Challenge of Evangelism
- Quick 1 Hour Lunch
- **3 Hour Afternoon Workshop**
 - How to mark our Bibles
 - How to teach a study
 - Demonstration Study

How many of you have ever been to a funeral of friend or relative not member of church?

Did preacher say..? “Poor fellow. He is now burning in hell.” We never hear this.

But, how did you feel? Did you ever ask him to study?

If you... Were 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 used the Bible to teach someone God's plan of salvation?

In the past 5 years? Past 1 year? Past 6 months?

We say we are the New Testament church of the 1st century. Let's look at that church and see what they did.

Acts 2:41	How many were added in 1 day?	3,000
Acts 2:47	How often were people being saved?	Daily
Acts 4:4	How many new believers?	5,000
Acts 5:14	How many were added?	multitudes (so many they stopped counting?)
Acts 6:7	How did their numbers change?	Multiplied greatly. (“added” to “multiplied”)

In the 1940's and 1950's, what was the fastest growing religious body in America? Church of Christ.

Now who are the fastest growing? Mormons and Muslims. Do either use the Bible as their primary text?

Religious “Nones.” Not atheist. Just don't know. Majority of them are seeking the truth.

Now growth of the church of Christ in America is essentially zero.

American Population: 1980 ? 200 million. Today ? Over 300 million. Up 50%.

Is your congregation up 50% since 1980? Is it even as big as it was then?

Are we following the pattern of the first century church?

Do we have the zeal to teach others that they had?

Let's look at the question “Should we teach?”

List reasons for NO. List reasons for YES. Then each of us can decide.

FEAR they might say NO. (Rejection)

Person might say no when we ask them to study or to obey.

We feel rejected. Awful feeling. But they are rejecting the Bible, not us.

Consider Paul

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.

Did Paul quit? Should we quit?

Consider Jesus:

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.

Did Jesus quit? Should we quit?

In America today, are we likely to...? Be stoned to the point of death? Thrown headlong over a cliff?

Worst case? We might get door slammed in our face ! Are we afraid of this ???

(Guys, did every young lady you asked out always say yes? Yet somehow we keep trying and get married!)

FEAR they might say... YES ! This is even worse than if they say no.

We don't know how to teach. Might teach or say something wrong.

Might be asked question to which we do not know the answer.

How do we overcome this fear? How do we do it in scary things like...?

Learning how to drive. Teaching our children to drive. How to bat a pitched ball. etc....

We learn, practice, take courage and do it.

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Does this happen in other aspects of our lives? Does it stop us from doing them?

What do we do when it happens? Do we say, "I don't know," and get back with the answer?

Can we do this in a Bible study also? Certainly!

And it actually helps the student learn better, because...No one likes a "know it all."

Plus, chain is designed to answer all the common questions.

Is teaching God's word any different? Or, do we just place less importance on it?

SOME Fear is good. Makes our adrenalin flow. Heightens our senses and awareness.

Too much fear is bad and must be overcome.

If we fear they might say no or yes... What do we end up doing? Nothing !

What does God tell us about fear?

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Revelation 21:7-8 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (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.

Does God give us a spirit of fear? Must we overcome our fear?

Yes, and we know we can because we do it in so many other aspects of our lives.

TOO BUSY Time Management Courses? Set Priorities.

James 4:14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Colossians 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;

Are we busy with the most important items? Can we find time by rearranging our priorities?

I TEACH BY MY GOOD CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE.

How many of you try to be good Christian examples?

How many of you have ever had someone say to you...?

“I have noticed your good Christian example. Can you please teach me the Bible so I can be the same way?”

How many people have learned & were Born Again of Water & the Spirit solely as a result of your good Christian example? Very seldom, if ever, does this happen. So, is this sufficient for us to do?

Who was the best example? How effective was Jesus' example to the people who knew him the longest?

We read earlier: (Jesus is in Nazareth)

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.

Mark 6:1-6 And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. (2) And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? (3) Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. (4) But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. (5) And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. (6) And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

Is a good Christian example necessary to be able to teach? Certainly.

Is a good Christian example sufficient? Was it good enough for Jesus? Is it good enough for us?

What else did Jesus do? Teach. (Luke 4:31 and Mark 6:6) What else should we do? Teach.

PREACHERS AND MISSIONARIES SHOULD DO IT.

They are paid and we give to support them. (Besides, what do they do all day long?)

But there are many more members than preachers. Members have more credibility because they are not paid.

Members teach more effectively because they are not able nor likely to preach a sermon on each scripture.

Incredible growth in book of Acts. Did the 12 apostles do all the teaching?

Acts 8:4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.

APATHY. We found the truth. They can too. We have a sign out front, and we run an ad in the paper.

We have a website. Our doors are open. They know we are here. They could come if they wanted to.

Revelation 3:14-16 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; (15) I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. (16) So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

IN 45 MINUTE CLASS, SKIP PAGES 4 & 5.

WE DON'T REALLY BELIEVE THERE IS A HELL AND IT IS THE DESTINATION FOR MOST PEOPLE.

We do believe this. But with our heads, Not our hearts.

In the obituaries and at funerals everyone is always...

“Called home to be with God.” or “God wanted another angel.” or

“Name is in heaven looking down and watching over us.” etc...

Luke 16:22-26 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.

Matthew 7:13-14 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.

If we really believe these scriptures, would we just let people go there without trying to stop them?

POOR HEALTH

Paul had health problems.

2 Corinthians 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.

Did Paul let it stop him? Should we let it stop us?

I AM A WOMAN AND NOT ALLOWED TO TEACH.

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.

2 Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

AGE - TOO OLD OR TOO YOUNG.

1 Timothy 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.

Titus 2:1-8 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, (5) To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. (6) Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. (7) In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, (8) Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Our campaigners range from 12 to 85 years old.

MANY WILL JUST FALL AWAY AND THE SECOND STATE IS WORSE THAN THE FIRST.

Parable of the Sower **Luke 8: 5-15.**

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 & pleasures of this world.

GOOD GROUND – Bears fruit.

3 of 4 will fall away. But 1 of 4 will remain faithful.

We do not know who it will be.

We are seed sowers, Not soil inspectors. The sower sowed everywhere. We teach everywhere.

DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED.

1 of 40 strangers on the campaign will 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.

TOO MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, SO IT IS FUTILE TO TRY.

Mathematically, the whole world could be taught in 11 years !

Take a 31 day job.

Paid 1 penny on first day, and double it every day.

2 pennies on second day, 4 pennies on third day, 8, 16, 32, etc.

Would you take the job?

Pay for day 31 would be \$10,737,000.

Pay for full month is \$21,474,00.

If every member of church taught one new member per year, and each of them taught one new member and so on...

the whole world would be Christians in 11 years !

Review: Reasons to NOT Teach

Fear.

Too busy.

I teach by my good Christian example.

Teaching is not my talent.

Preachers and missionaries should do it.

Apathy.

We don't really believe hell is the destination for most people.

Poor health.

I am a woman and not allowed to teach.

Age - Too old or too young.

Many will just fall away and the 2nd state is worse than the 1st.

Don't know anyone who is interested.

Too many people in the world, so it is futile to try.

Any of these you want to tell God?

How do we use the scriptures to determine what God wants and does not want?
How do we determine authority from the scriptures?

Direct Command Approved Examples Necessary Inference (Implication)

DIRECT COMMANDS

Who What When Where How Place finger at each of these scriptures and study together:

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (19) 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 always, 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 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Who What When Where How

Teach.

Who to teach - All nations, every creature

What to teach - The Gospel. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved. The Word.

When to teach - In season and out of season. (All the time)

Where to teach – Go into all the world. (Go, not wait for them to come.)

How to teach - With all long suffering and doctrine. (Patience and understanding)

Is this a Direct Command?

Did this command apply only to the apostles?

2 Timothy 2:2 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.

Does this direct command apply to us today?

(There is no time to cover these 3 reasons in 45 minute class. Go to Page 7.)

Was Paul under compulsion to teach?

1 Corinthians 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!

Ought we to teach?

Hebrews 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.

In his sermon on the mount, what does Jesus say about teachers?

Matthew 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.

Does scripture say we are to teach others?

Is this..? A suggestion ? A recommendation? Optional? Or a direct command?

Now let's move on to APPROVED EXAMPLES.

Already looked at:

Acts 2:41 – 3, 000 were added in 1 day. **Acts 2:47** – People being saved daily.

Acts 4:4 – 5,000 new believers. **Acts 5:14** – Multitudes were added.

Acts 6:7 – Their numbers multiplied greatly.

Tremendous growth as Christians scattered and taught.

Are there more approved examples?

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 Phillip, Peter and John taught the Samaritans including Simon.

Acts 8:26-39 Paul taught the Ethiopian eunuch.

Acts 8:40 Philip preached in all the cities...

Acts 9:1-18 and 22:6-16. Annanias taught Paul.

Acts Chp 10. Peter taught Cornelius.

Acts 16:13-15 Paul taught Lydia.

Acts 16:25-33 Paul taught the Philippian jailer.

Acts 18:24-28 Aquila and Priscilla taught Apollos.

1 Cor 4:17 Paul taught everywhere. Etc.....

(There is no time to cover “elders” in 45 minute class.)

What about the qualifications of elders?

1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

Titus 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Teaching is so important, elders must set the example to teach!

Do we say and believe...?

We are New Testament Christians. We wish to restore New Testament Christianity.

What were the NT Christians commanded to do? Teach.

What approved Biblical example did the NT Christians give us? Teach.

What should we do? Teach.

Are we commanded and given examples to....?

Assemble. Observe Lord's Supper. Give. Pray. Hear. Repent. Confess. Believe.

Be baptized for remission of our sins. Remain faithful.

Sing with melody in our hearts. (Where is your piano?)

Are these optional suggestions or recommendations?

What will happen to our souls if we do not obey these?

Are we commanded and given examples to teach?

Are the commands and examples optional suggestions or recommendations?

What will happen to our souls if we do not obey them?

Additional Reasons to TEACH (There is no time to cover these 4 in 45 minute class.) Page 8 of 9

One of the main purposes of the church.

Ephesians 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: If we love others, we will want them to go to heaven so we will teach them.

Matthew 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Teaching is good for us.

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. How many of us found the truth on our own without a teacher helping us?

Have we seen this anywhere in scripture...?

“But teaching is not my talent.” Is this what you would like to tell God?

Who will go to heaven?

Matthew 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Is it the Father’s will that we teach others? Must we do His will to go to heaven?

At beginning of class... Lets look at the question, “Should we teach?”

List reasons for NO. List reasons for YES. What have you decided?

NOW LETS LOOK AT THE GOSPEL CHAIN STUDY METHOD.

Today

Morning Class - Should We Teach?

Sermon - The Challenge of Evangelism

Quick 1 Hour Lunch

3 HOUR AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

How to mark our Bibles

How to teach a study

Demonstration Study

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

1. Read a scripture (that you have marked.)
2. Ask a question (that you can read from a packet or your phone.)
3. Turn to the next scripture (that you can read from a packet or your phone.)

Do you think you can do these 3 things?

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

So we use... Just a Bible and a guide of questions.

Just the Student and a Teacher, with a Silent Partner.

Mark 2 Bibles: One for the Teacher, One for the Student.

Called the Gospel Chain because the Bible is marked so passages make chain to the next passage.

Lets the Bible teach and the student learn how to be “Born Again of Water and the Spirit.”

In an orderly fashion it covers

Inspiration of the Scriptures, Sin and Guilt, Who is Jesus? Commands of Jesus,
Gift and Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, Entering the Kingdom of Heaven

In about 1 ½ hours being “Born Again of Water and the Spirit” is discussed in natural sequence.

Demands a decision RIGHT THEN.

Part B teaches:

Transformed Faithful Life, Christ’s One Church, Assembly of Christs’ Church, How to Worship,
Remain Faithful, Teach Others

Teaching Ability – Little Importance. Teacher just guides.

Holy Spirit through scripture teaches & convicts honest hearts. Simple. Short. Systematic. Scriptural.

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

“HEART” REASONS

We have looked at scriptural reasons we should teach.

We used logical, reasoning power of our head.

We must make a decision with our hearts as well.

What are your personal “heart” reasons to teach others? 1. ? 2.? Mine are.....

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.

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 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 and know the angels in heaven are singing. 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.

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 co-workers, and strangers 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 them to go to heaven.