

The Bible Teaching Funnel

Apply this to the passage you'll be teaching

START WITH THE MACRO MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE - REDEMPTION / JESUS / GOSPEL

What's the message of the Bible book you're studying?

What's the setting & situation of those to who the book you're studying was first written?

What's happening in the chapters before and after this Bible passage?

Read & study the Bible passage recording observations and listening to the Holy Spirit as He guides you into the truth.

Look up cross references and word meanings to assist with understanding the meaning of the passage.

From all the above study, observations, word meanings, etc make interpretation of purpose for & meaning of passage. Write into a statement or bullet points.

Use commentaries to supplement & confirm interpretation.

List applications to original readers and present day including how passage points us back to the macro message

Synthesize into lesson (Questions, sermon, etc)

REMEMBER:

Not everything you learn from your study will you teach in your lesson. Most of what the Spirit of God teaches you will be for you, in order to grow you. The rest you will either teach or put in your teaching toolbelt to be used during the study if/when needed.

Sample Format for Leading a House Church Study:

REVIEW / GIVE BACKGROUND ON THE BOOK, SETTING & SITUATION, ETC:

You'll have learned this in your own study time in the Word, supplementing with other resources.

READ PASSAGE OF STUDY (A COUPLE TIMES):

Have someone read it out loud. Then give time for each person to read it on their own. It can be helpful to give them something in the passage (repeated word, characteristic of God, response of people, etc) to look for when they're listening and reading.

DISCUSS:

If a larger group (10+ people), after reading of the passage ask the first question, then encourage people to break into smaller huddles to discuss the question. After giving huddles time to discuss the question, ask people to share what they discussed. Follow the rhythm below for each question.

QUESTIONS:

1. *What stands out to you from what we just read? How would you describe in your own words what's happening or being said?*
2. *What does this passage seem to teach us about people? About ourselves?*
3. *What can we learn about Jesus from what is said or happening in this passage?*
4. *How does this point to God's heart to rescue us out of our sin and bring us deeper into relationship with Him?*
5. *What's something from this passage you could put into practice until we meet again? How could you phrase it into an "I will..." kind of statement? (Invite a couple people to share their "I will" if they're willing)*
6. *Who might be someone you could share this passage with this next week?*

REMEMBER:

Throughout the study and discussion, you most likely will need to pull out truths and principles from your "teaching toolbelt" to help navigate understanding and meaning of the passage. This is done with the goal of helping people understand the truth of God's Word, not with the goal of giving them everything you learned. You want them to also experience the joy of the Spirit guiding them to biblical truth while they're reading and studying the passage.

RESOURCES:

blueletterbible.org

preceptaustin.org

desiringgod.org/scripture/with-messages

bibleproject.com

discoverybiblestudy.org/article/004/dbs