

Reaching Through Teaching

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ”
(Acts 5:42).

“And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shown you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house”
(Acts 20:20).

The progressive church is committed to training men and women around the world to take their gospel to their own people. Rev. H. E. Scism, the former General Director of Foreign Missions for the United Pentecostal Church International addressed the issue of “what should be the role of the foreign missionary in our future foreign missions operation?” in one of his newsletters. In the area of training it was concluded that the training ministry needs to be accomplished on three levels.

Membership Level Training

Every member of the church needs to be mobilized for evangelism through training in soul winning and the different areas in which they can minister to the local church. This is where Portable Bible Schools, and other efforts come into the picture. Sunday School classes need to be set up for the purpose of training people at various age levels. Bible Studies need to be prepared and taught to teach our members in the fundamental truths of the Word of God, in doctrine, principles, and Christian living.

Ministerial Training

The second level of training is preparing of the five fold ministry (Ephesians 4:11). This can be accomplished through establishing a Bible College. A Bible College correspondence program is useful for students that cannot attend full time classes.

Leadership Training

The third level of training is that of the leadership of our church leaders in every nation.

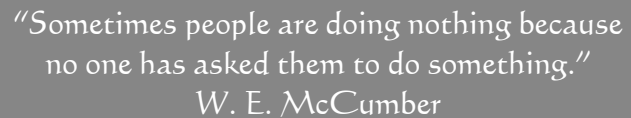
Expanding Your Work Force

The training of laborers for the harvest is the single greatest need and subsequent asset in reaching the world today. This was Jesus’ prayer request in Matthew 9:38.

Jesus said that the harvest is great and the laborers are few. How do we increase the number of laborers? Through training.

Motivating the Idle

In Matthew 20:6-7 we find that a householder had already hired some to work in his vineyard. He then found potential workers standing idle doing nothing. He asked, "Why have you been standing here so long doing nothing?" The answer of unemployed laborers in Jesus' parable was "Because no one has hired us." No one has motivated us. People need to be motivated to become involved in reaching the world through evangelism.



*"Sometimes people are doing nothing because no one has asked them to do something."
W. E. McCumber*

Evangelism is making known the Good News. This can be done through several different methods BUT let us not overlook reaching through teaching. The Gospel is "Good news" or "God's News." Evangelism is everything the church does that aims at the conversion of people. It should not exclude teaching.

The entire purpose of our training is to disciple men and women in the truth of God's Word and to mobilize them as laborers in world evangelism.

Therefore, we MUST emphasize evangelism from the very beginning of our training program and find ways to involve our students immediately in the task of fulfilling the Great Commission.

We must continue to strongly encourage them to become involved in evangelism throughout the time that they are in the training program so that they will be well prepared when they leave us and go into the Harvest field.

Reaching Through Teaching – Jesus, the Master Teacher Did It

The word "teach" appears 109 times in the Bible and the word, "preach" appears 50 times.

Jesus Christ was considered to be the Master Teacher and He spent a great deal of time teaching (Matthew 11:1; Mark 4:1-2; 6:2,6, 34; Acts 1:1; Luke 5:17; 23:5). Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, came to Jesus by night, and said, "...Thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him" (John 3:2).

Reaching Through Teaching – The First Church Did It

The first church ever established in the Word of God began teaching almost immediately after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:1; 4:18; 5:25, 28, 42; 15:35; 18:11; 20:20).

Reaching Through Teaching – The Churches They Established Did It

The churches in the Epistles continued to teach (1 Corinthians 4:17; 14:19; 1 Timothy 3:2; 4:11; 2 Timothy 2:2, 24; Hebrews 5:12).

Reaching Through Teaching – Jesus Christ Commanded It

“Teaching” is part of the Great Commission recorded in Matthew 28:19.

A New Look at the Old Commission

Matt 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:
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.”

Go	take a journey, travel
Therefore	now
Teach	to reproduce yourself
All	anyone, everyone, everywhere; as many as possible, whosoever
Nations	non-Jewish, pagan, Gentile, heathens, people

Who Should Do This?
YOU!!!

The Key to Growth Multiplication

“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” (2 Timothy 2:2).

This verse of Scripture deals with the multiplication of the minister. When we begin to multiply ourselves by teaching others we will begin to see spiritual maturity in the lives of our people and also great church growth. The things that we have learned from many people who have given their lives for the Gospel we should impart to others. These people need to be faithful, trustworthy, and trained to pass on what they have learned to others and to the next generation. This will bring about the propagation of the truth to people everywhere.

If you were to win one person to Jesus Christ each year for the next forty years you would have forty converts. That would be great, wouldn't it? If you would disciple a new Christian every year, instead of making a convert, you would have 1,099,511,626,175 disciples in forty years. God's method for reaching the world is this principle of multiplication.

This illustration points out a major difference between addition and multiplication. We learned addition as little children. It gave us the basis for other steps of higher learning including multiplication. But few Christians get beyond the simple addition in their lives.

...More on Multiplication

A story is told of a poor wise man that lived in the Orient. He invented the chessboard, which is a board that has sixty-four squares. One day the old man was playing chess with the king. The king became so excited that he told the man, "I am so happy with the chess board that you have made for me. Ask whatever you like and I will give it to you, even up to half of my whole kingdom."

The old man said, "Give me one piece of grain on the first square, and double it and put two on the second square, and double it and put four on the third square, etc." He asked the king to double it all the way up to the 64th square.

The king thought that the man was very foolish. "Why are you asking for just a few grains of wheat? You could have asked for anything. Why just some wheat?"

When the king tried to grant the request he suddenly realized that he was dealing with a very wise man after all. By the time that the king would have gotten to the 64th square it would have been enough grain to cover the entire earth many feet deep.

You could easily become a very rich man or woman in just thirty days using the same principle. If you were given one dollar today, doubled to two dollars tomorrow, doubled to four dollars the next day, and so forth you would have \$5,379,000 on the 30th day.

If you were to go out into the congregation on Sunday and put one person beside you, you are now two. If you trained him and the two of you went out and each got one you would have four; then eight; then sixteen; then thirty-two. In just a short time you wouldn't have anyone left in the congregation to win.

Teach them to WIN them. Teach them to SEND them.

The future of the church is secured when we take those things that we have learned and pass them on to others who will be faithful; thus, producing church growth. Teaching is a process of

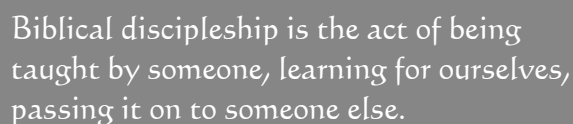
taking the knowledge we have and investing it into the heart and mind of our students. This gives the students we teach a foundation to build on.

“I teach, therefore, I touch the future.”

The early church at Jerusalem did this and the resulted testimony was “Did we not straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine...” (Acts 5:28).

Tips for Teaching

Jesus called his disciples and told them “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). The call of Jesus included training the disciples to be fishers of men. He served as their teacher. A “teacher” is one “who imparts and transmits, in order to bring a reformation or a change.” Jesus knew that the only way to make his disciples like Himself was to spend time with them, teaching them; imparting himself into others. After training His disciples, “...They took knowledge that they had been with Jesus.”



Biblical discipleship is the act of being taught by someone, learning for ourselves, passing it on to someone else.

“A student...who is fully trained will be like his teacher” (See Luke 6:40).

How Do I Become an Effective Teacher?

1. I must know my subject.
2. I must believe what I am teaching.
3. I must obey what I am teaching.
4. I must spend time in prayer.
5. I must spend time in preparation.
6. I must teach in love.

Teaching material should be something I know thoroughly, feel deeply, and do consistently. (Hendricks)

Four Steps to Learning

John Milton, in his book, “The Seven Laws of Teaching” gives four steps to learning:

1. The teacher presents the material.
2. The student repeats in his own words what he has been taught.

3. The student uses the information and gives it to someone else.
4. The student absorbs it into his daily life.

Carl George and Robert Logan in *Leading and Managing Your Church* outline four steps in effective teaching and learning.

1. I do, you watch.
2. I do, you help.
3. You do, I help.
4. You do, I watch.

Proverbs for Daily Living

“I hear, I forget; I see, I remember, I do, and I understand” (Chinese Proverb).

“If you give a man a fish, you will feed him for a day. If you teach a man how to fish, you will feed him for a lifetime.”

Study Questions

1. How do you become an effective teacher? _____

2. 2 Timothy 2:2 deals with what? _____

3. When is the future of the church secured? _____

4. What is teaching a process of? _____

5. What was concluded to be the role of Foreign Missions in regards to training? _____

6. What are the three levels of training? _____

7. Where do we find the five-fold ministry of the church? _____

8. What was Jesus' prayer request? _____

9. What is the single greatest need and subsequent asset in reaching the world today? _____

10. What is a teacher? _____

11. Where did Jesus command that we "teach"? _____

12. What must we emphasize in our training programs? _____

13. What is the purpose of training programs? _____

14. What do we learn from Matthew 20:6-7 in this lesson? _____

15. What is the key to growth? _____
