

Lesson 14 Notes – 03/11/2008

Teaching & Communicating Effectively

Do What We Have Done!

1. As you teach and instruct others, you should incorporate into your teaching the principles of *Effective Bible Study* we have focused on. Help your students/hearers know the...
 - a. Background
 - b. Literary Context
 - c. Structure and Grammar
 - d. Words
2. PLUS: Constantly remind them of the basic Axioms and Rules of Exegesis and Hermeneutics

When We Teach, We Want To Be...

- Accurate - true to the sacred text and to the facts supported by our research
- Sufficient - provide enough evidence to support the conclusions we make
- Relevant - talk about what is pertinent to the text
- Interesting - keep them engaged in the learning process
- Memorable - make it easy for them to remember
- Real - help our hearers know that this is about real people, historical events, places, etc.
- Revealing - help them see what they did not see before
- Practical - knowledge and application useful and applicable to their needs

How Do We Keep Their Interest...

- Tell what they thought they knew - deeper and clearer
- Tell them what they didn't know
- Tie it together – the big picture
- Facts and details - example: Not “the Sea of Galilee is a large lake,” but “the Sea of Galilee is 13 miles long, 7 miles wide, and up to 150 feet deep.”
- Human interest - inspiring, encouraging, mysterious, emotional, focus on people
- Explain words & meanings
- Clearly point out the A.I.M. (author's intended meaning)
- Make simple, practical application to our needs today
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To Do: Collect Resources

- Be a relentless collector - always looking for good, new materials
- Develop an eye for usefulness - what will help you teach better
- Standard reference works - dictionaries, histories, background, word and language studies
- Specialized reference works - books and materials that do just one thing well. Examples: Roman Empire, Plants and Animals of Israel, anything with pictures, charts & illustrations.
- Pre-packaged materials - Powerpoint presentations, videos, audio books, etc.
- Bible software - Logos, Biblesoft, Quickverse, iLumina
- Internet - learn how to find resources for background information

To Do: Distribute Resources

In your ministry, you need to encourage others to buy and use good reference materials

- Library / Reading Room - full of good reference materials for checkout
- Recommended Reading List - they can buy their own through internet or bookstore
- Book Table - make reference works available for sale at a discount
- Handouts with Lessons - put the specific reference material in their hands as you teach

To Do: Teaching Methodologies

From my personal experience, here are some things to do that will enhance your teaching ministry and make it easier to incorporate EBS principles into your lessons:

- PowerPoint
- Storytelling - become a good teller of tales
- Public Reading - most of Bible was written to be listened to by audience
- Memorized Recitation
- Simple Dramatic Presentation - act out stories
- Props - items which help focus on subject like Jewish prayer shawl, clay lamp, coins
- Scholars & Experts - have weekend workshop or seminar with a scholar, or use video
 - a. Evolution
 - b. Archeology
- Commercial Video & Audio - lots of materials for teaching available
- Commercial Movies - video clips to illustrate; watch in a classroom or home setting and discuss pros and cons of accuracy

Final Thoughts...

1. Every sermon and every Bible class should have something of EBS in it
2. Keep notes & notebooks, plan ahead, be resourceful
3. Our task is to:
 - a. Explain and apply truth
 - b. Motivate and equip others

Some Sources for Resources:

Christian Book Distributors - www.christianbook.com

Vision Video - www.visionvideo.com

Rose Publishing - www.rose-publishing.com for Powerpoint materials, charts, maps, etc.

Ray Vander Laan videos - www.followtherabbi.com or Christian Book Distributors

“Drive Thru History” with Dave Stott videos & more - www.coldwatermedia.com