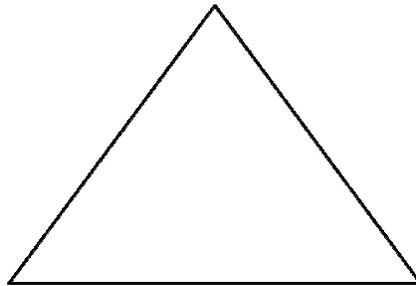


Value God's Word

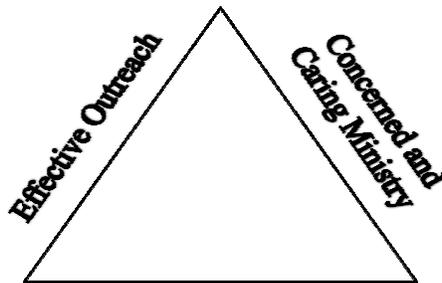
Clif Smith, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Covington, Louisiana

- If the goal of the church is to _____ the saints, then the value of the _____ as a foundational tool in Sunday School is unquestionable.
- In a healthy Sunday School or small group class, most teachers or facilitators have discovered the need to cultivate the _____ discipline of personal _____ and _____.
- In its simplest form God has shared with each Sunday School teacher His two most prized possessions; His _____ and His _____.
- A great teacher can facilitate the taking of the hand of a man or woman and placing it in the hand of God through the _____ in teaching the _____ of God.
- We see our vision for a healthy group as one that ultimately leads toward _____.
- We love to see people transformed in their lives, moving from being an _____ to becoming a _____.
- From time to time, my pastor reminds our congregation that one of the greatest sins of the _____ is to encounter the act of worship or be involved in Bible study and to leave that encounter _____.
- If you picture an equilateral triangle in your mind, _____ is the base of that triangle.



Transformational Teaching

- If the other two sides are _____ and _____, they shoot upward as the base is broadened.



Transformational Teaching



- The *transformational* aspect of teaching the Bible begins with the _____, but moves into the _____ as people begin the process of bonding and working together.
- One of our consistent focuses is on _____.
- If your life does not reflect the fact that God's Word is a daily part of your _____, then you have chosen to limit your _____ with God.
- When you make that choice, you also _____ the _____ your life will have as you invest your life in the lives of others.
- The *relational* connections that occur ultimately give way to the _____ of an individual as he or she is consistently exposed to the effective teaching of God's Word coupled with _____.
- The Word of God is the great _____ of the _____ faith in a believer.
- Involvement in a regular Bible study in the midst of concerned caring believers is one of the soundest ways to see people moving along the continuum towards becoming a _____.
- As people become *transformed* in the small groups because of their exposure to the living Word of God the joy begins to flow because of the witness of a _____.
- The more we develop all of the _____, the more we develop _____.
- The value of the _____ is that it is the fundamental _____ upon which all of our spiritual development is built.
- It is impossible to have healthy _____, healthy _____, or healthy _____ without it!



Value One Another

Kevin Boles, Youth Ministry Strategist, Louisiana Baptist Convention

Ways we value one another...

- Pray to see the _____ of _____ in people.
- _____ their _____
- L_____
- Approach every person as someone who can _____ us something.
- _____ a person's strengths.
- C_____ with them.

This all starts with you! All it takes is one person to start caring and wait for God go work. Your attitude will be contagious. Don't accept your present reality. Make the change in your life that would help you love others in a way that you want to have others love you. Remember Sunday School is not about a building, or fulfilling job responsibilities. Sunday School is about people.



Value the Guest

Jeff Ingram, Adult Ministry Strategist, Louisiana Baptist Convention

Regardless of your role in Sunday School, do your classes value guests? Think with me for a few minutes. As I read these questions and you complete the blanks on this **listening guide**, think through how your church either values guests or devalues guests.

- 1) When a first-time guest pulls into your church parking lot, would he or she know which _____ to enter? Are there _____ designating a welcome center or the Sunday School office so he could get information? Are there _____ in the parking lot welcoming everyone to church, especially the guests? Are there _____ parking spaces for guests? (Greeters also provide excellent security for your church just by their presence in the parking lot and hallways.)
- 2) Is there a _____, or at least a person or two in a visible entrance, where guests can receive information about Sunday School classes? Is there someone to _____ the guest or guests to the appropriate classrooms? (Remember: always take the _____ to their classrooms first, so the parents will see and know where they are and who they are with.)
- 3) Is there a _____ in place for preschool, children, and youth? At least two adults, _____, in all rooms with minors, should be the minimum. Do preschool and children teachers know how to contact guest parents if there is an _____ during Sunday School? Are preschool and children's teachers aware of any allergies or special needs of the children of guests?
- 4) Are your youth and adult teachers AND class members _____ to welcome guests in their classes? Question: which would you rather be: a visitor, or a guest? Most would say a guest, because a guest implies _____ and _____. A visitor implies unexpected and surprised.
- 5) Do your Sunday School members wear _____ every Sunday? You may say, "We all know each other, so why wear name tags?" While this may be true to a certain extent, it's not true for guests who attend your Sunday School and worship services. We value guests when wear name tags because it helps guests to _____ in an unknown setting with unknown people.

Value the Body of Christ

Jeff Jones, Executive Pastor, Brookwood Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana

- Every _____ has value because it is created in God's _____.
- John the Baptist implies that the church is the bride of Christ in John 3:29.
- Paul refers to the church as the body of Christ (Colossians 3:17, 24; Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4).
- Your group is part of the _____ of Christ.

The individuals in your class or group who have a personal relationship with Jesus are part of His Body. It means that they each have a specific purpose, a designated function, in this body.

As the teacher, the leader, it is your responsibility to ensure that each individual identifies their purpose and fulfills their function. Your group cannot be vibrant without the group members functioning in the capacity for which they were created.

To demonstrate that you value the body of Christ and desire to lead your group to do the same, you have the following responsibilities.

1. You need to _____ your _____ as a leader?

- Live out your church's mission
- Live out your co-mission (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Make disciples

2. You need to _____ your group know their individual _____.

- Spiritual gifts (What has God gifted me to do through the Holy Spirit?)
- Heart (What do I enjoy doing?)
- Abilities (What am I good at?)
- Personality (How do I behave?), and
- Experiences (What life experiences have I had and how can God use them?)

3. You need to _____ your group in _____ the Body of Christ.

- Knowing is not the same as doing.
- Helping your members know their function is necessary, but it is not enough.
- They must actually do the job God has for them in the body.

Your group members need to take care of one another. Your group members also need to value the entire body by serving it.

When each individual is knows his or her purpose and actively engages in expressing, your group has the potential to be truly vibrant.

Value Your Community

Rick Ellis, Associate Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana

- The “_____” mentality may have caused us to lose our _____ and _____ within our community.
- Leading a person to a fulfilling and _____ relationship with Jesus Christ is our _____ and our _____ along with Discipleship.
- The _____ is that we often use slick _____ and campaigns to motivate us because our true _____ and _____ for people is lacking.
- Special Days have their place in the programming of churches when planned and implemented correctly.

The Bible says that Jesus had compassion on the crowds (Matthew 9:35-37)

Questions to Ask

- What _____ does your church have in your community?
- When was the last time your church, your Sunday School class or you as an individual did something for someone else, not expecting _____ in return?
- If your church was not in your _____, would it be missed?

One of the signs of a Vibrant Sunday School is that they _____ their community.

- How have we as a Sunday School class shown the love of Jesus in a practical way, to our community in the last 3 months, 6 months or year?

Practical steps for Valuing your Community

1. Develop the mentality that it is ok to _____ and not to expect anything in return.
2. Prove to the world that there really is such a thing as a “_____.”
3. Start _____.
4. Plan something _____ a quarter for the next year, then step back and evaluate.

LOVE is the answer. **Love** your community. It’s all about **relationships**, loving Jesus and loving people

Practical ideas for showing Value to your community

- Easter Fest
- Outreach to Low-income apartment complexes
- Odd jobs for Singles and seniors
- Oil changes for Singles and seniors
- Trunk or Treat
- Christmas for children of prisoners
- Bottle water give away
- Resource: [101 ways to Reach your community](#) By Steve Sjorgen
- Other Resources:
- [EveryMondayMatters.com](#) - 52 ways to make a difference (available in book or website form)
- [101 Ways to Help People in Need](#) by Steve Sjorgen
- [250 Big Ideas](#) by Steve Gladen and Lance Witt
- [Fresh Ideas: 1000 Ways to grow a Thriving and Energetic church](#) by Diana Davis