

TEACHING

(Bible-based Discipleship)

THE BIBLICAL PRIORITY OF TEACHING

1. Jesus commands us to teach. (Matthew 28:18-20)
2. Teachers are called and gifted for the building up of the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13, 1 Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:4-7)
3. Paul instructed us to teach to faithful people who would in turn teach others. (2Timothy 2:2)
4. Teachers are to be aware of the high degree of accountability. (James 3:1)

CHARACTERISTICS OF A *TEACHER*

- Be a born again Christian, living a life that gives evidence of the Lordship of Jesus Christ expressing a daily relationship with Jesus that is real and personal.
- Has the spiritual gift of teaching.
- Senses a call by the Lord to the teaching ministry.
- Is a student of the Word of God and is motivated by seeing other lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit through teaching of Biblical truths.
- Desires to share his or her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Understands and is willing to assume the responsibility of being a spiritual role model.
- Is supportive of his or her church, staff and fellow leadership.

BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF A *TEACHER*

*As the Pastor is to the church...
So the Teacher is to the Adult Bible Fellowship Team (BFT)*

The Teacher is responsible as the under shepherd for loving, feeding and leading the adults entrusted to his or her care. God uses the teacher to make disciples that glorify Him by teaching them to love by *loving them*, teaching them to trust by *feeding them*, and teaching them to obey by *leading them*.

Loving them by:

- Praying for and with each member and prospect.
- Knowing the spiritual condition of every attendee of the class.
- Sharing Christ with those who are lost.
- Caring for their needs and leading the class to acts of ministry when the need arises inside and outside of the class.
- Encouraging an atmosphere of friendship by modeling friendship.
- Providing counseling comprised primarily of heart-felt listening and Bible-based advice.
- Leading the class to organize into ministry groups.
- Contacting (a phone call, a letter or a personal visit) members and prospects on a regular basis.

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Feeding them by:

- Placing a priority on his or her own devotional life and personal relationship with God.
- Being a student of the Word of God.
- Knowing the spiritual growth needs of “their flock”.
- Understanding and conducting the teaching ministry as spiritual transformation process accomplished only as a partnership with the Word of God and Spirit of God.
- Communicating the message effectively using a variety of teaching/learning methods.
- Regularly sharing the plan of salvation during and beyond the normal teaching time.
- Coming prepared to challenge and hold accountable the members to applying the truths from God’s Word in their daily lives.
- Providing opportunities through discipleship groups beyond the regular **BFT** time for those desiring increased spiritual growth.
- Expecting to learn from **BFT** members as the Holy Spirit teaches.

Leading them by:

- Living a life that models the ongoing spiritual transformation of Christ.
- Modeling sharing ones faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Overseeing the entire ministry of the **BFT**.
- Encouraging the involvement of every attendee in the work of the **BFT**’s ministry according to the Bible Fellowship TEAMS strategy.
- Promoting the vision of Kingdom Growth and **BFT** reproduction as the normal, expected and anticipated activity of the **BFT**.
- Enlisting an Administrator and assisting him or her in enlisting other **BFT** leaders.
- Holding members accountable for the truths of God’s Word being taught.
- Serving those entrusted to their care.
- Encouraging the **BFT** leadership to participate in church-wide Adult Bible Fellowship TEAMS Leadership meetings and training events.
- Discipling a Teacher in Training* (Assistant Teacher).

BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE *TEACHER IN TRAINING

(Assistant Teacher)

Basic Responsibilities include:

- Committing to a mentoring relationship with the Teacher.
- Assisting and supporting the start of a new **BFT** by preparing to become the Teacher of the new or existing **BFT** when the new **BFT** begins.
- Periodically (an average of once per month) teaching the truths of the Bible and its application in a manner that is consistent with the Pastor’s leadership and Biblical teaching of the church.
- Active involvement in the ongoing ministry of the **BFT**.
- Attending **BFT** leadership meetings.