

HABITS of Effective Bible Teachers

1

WALK WITH GOD – Be committed to your personal growth.

We must keep our hearts daily submissive to His Word and rule in our lives. We should seek to know Him more, and then make Him known to those we lead.

How?

- ◆ Disciplines: Reading, Meditating, Prayer, Reflection, Stillness, Sabbath, Silence, Solitude, etc
- ◆ Set time for healthy spiritual habits – daily, weekly, monthly.
- ◆ Set healthy margins – know your boundaries and adhere by them.
- ◆ Find healthy outlets for stress. -- We are often slow to realize we need a break or are living at an unhealthy pace.

2

PRAY and CONNECT WITH YOUR CLASS / GROUP —Make this a consistent priority.

All the efforts we put into our small-group ministries—planning, recruiting, communicating, discipling—will have little life-changing impact if carried out in our own strength, regardless of our level of talent or giftedness. These efforts are needed, but they are not enough. It is crucial that we support our ministries with prayer.

How?

- ◆ Compile a written list of your class members and use it to keep your group in prayer.
- ◆ Write notes to your students to let them know that you are praying for them. Make it personal.
- ◆ Use texts, emails, social media to make connections!

3

LEAD THEM IN FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE — Invite others to help facilitate these.

Make sure that fellowship and community/class service is happening regularly. This is not something that you need to personally implement but you need to make sure that it is happening. Find people in your class that have a heart for fellowship and service and recruit them to lead appropriate events at least 2-3 times per year!

4

PREPARATION – Being Prepared to Teach!

Truly, spiritual ministry emerges from the overflow of your personal relationship with God.

A successful, Spirit-filled Bible study/small group does not happen by accident. It takes a conscious effort on the part of the teacher and student to prepare throughout the week so that when it is time to teach a spiritual work can be done.

Tips:

- ◆ Don't wait until the last minute to start preparing.
- ◆ The content of your class needs to work in you first.
- ◆ Bath each phase of your preparation in prayer.
- ◆ Lean into the Holy Spirit – let the Spirit guide your preparation and rest in Him for the overflow!!!
- ◆ Learn to ask good questions (Discovery, Understanding, Application)

5

MENTOR AN APPRENTICE LEADER

5 Step Process:

1. I do. You watch. We talk.
2. I do. You help. We talk.
3. You do. I help. We talk.
4. You do. I watch. We talk
5. You do. Someone else watches.

**The true mark of a Christian leader is trying to build up other people.
Raise up other leaders! (Charles Colson)**