

TEACHING AND LEADING

Am I called to do either?

Most Christians do not attempt to teach others about Jesus Christ and the Christian life. Why is this so? Are the problems a lack of knowledge, a lack of desire, a lack of ability, a lack of opportunity, and/or a lack of courage? If you believe that you should be teaching and leading others, how does one overcome these and other roadblocks?

I've never lead a Bible study before, where should I start?

- Hear God's calling. He will take the overflow of our life and pour it into others. If there's no overflow, we're probably not in a position to be used. If you're in the Word studying and praying on a regular basis, you're further ahead than most. Being diligent at this over a period of time is imperative for you to be used by God. He's not going to work through someone who isn't developing their personal relationship with Him. Failure is not trying...you might be surprised what God does through you and how much you enjoy it.
- Start small – God usually matures us on His schedule – He's not going to put us up to more than we can handle. Lead a group of 1-3 people. **Matthew 25:14–30**
- Use a published study guide. Find an author whose teaching you get a lot from.
- Add material as necessary to personalize it or include things that augment the material.
- Study how the study is composed. Is there a technique the author uses that is effective for elucidating biblical truths? Are there some aspects that you would do differently?

What does it take to put together one's own lessons?

- Ideally...hearing from God – be led to a topic
- Why do it yourself? It takes more thought, time, and prayer. Every situation is different. God may have some special thoughts He wants to share with and through you.
- The more you force yourself to organize your thoughts, the better at it you will become.
- What are the components of a lesson?

“And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people: rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties. and rulers of tens.” – **Exodus**

Leadership...*Am I called to be a leader?*

- **Moses and the children of Israel – Exodus 18**
 - *Moses is judging everybody's disputes*
 - *Moses' father in law makes a suggestion to Moses to delegate authority*
 - *According to one's abilities, God will place you. That's not to say that if you're leading ten, you won't eventually lead 1000 one day. You will probably need to be found faithful with the few before God trusts you with the many.*
- **Joseph – Genesis 37 – 42**
 - Sold by brothers into captivity – becomes servant in Pharaoh's court
 - Endures prison after being falsely accused
 - Interprets dreams of Pharaoh and becomes Prime Minister of Egypt
 - Saves Egypt and surrounding peoples including own family from famine
- **Peter**
 - First to claim Jesus is Lord, yet denies Jesus.
 - Becomes bold witness for Jesus Christ

What are some qualities of leaders?

Assignment:

- **Pick a topic and write a one page lesson about it.**

It could be something you wish you knew more about or something God has laid on your heart. Maybe you have a friend struggling in some area and you are doing this to present some biblical truths/pointers to them? Start with questions that you will then proceed to answer. Use biblical events/stories to provide evidence of how God works. Tie in some personal aspect to it. Use external material when appropriate – current events; major historical events that most people have heard of and can relate to.