

How to Teach a Home Study
Studies in the Cross of Christ
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Introduction: Teaching the lost in an effective way will take much time and effort.

- A. This should be of no surprise since this is true of most things that are important! **(Luke 14:28-30)**
 - 1. You will not learn how to teach the lost in a casual way. This must be your strong desire! **(Luke 10:2-3)**
 - 2. Make it your goal to set aside time to practice and absorb this material.
 - 3. It may seem easy when you hear another lead a study but do not think it will be easy for you!
- B. This is not a class on motivation, I assume that everyone here is willing to teach the lost given the proper training and opportunity.
 - 1. If you lack in motivation I would be glad to recommend material or tapes. Motivation does need to be maintained.
 - 2. Hopefully by giving you some experience in teaching this will help eliminate the fear of teaching and also reduce the number of “bad” experiences.
- C. This class is a training class. **(2 Tim 2:2)**
 - 1. This will be the only lecture I will present.
 - 2. The majority of this class will be “practice” teaching by the students in this class with other students.
 - 3. In my own personal experience I was taught a presentation which I practiced before others shortly after my baptism. Within a few months I had converted others to Christ.
 - 4. In this study we will use my series called “Studies in the Cross of Christ”. There are many other good series we could use.
 - 5. By giving a prepared outline you will not have to develop your own material for now. We will give emphasis to the strategy and approach of teaching.

I. The Fundamental Concepts of Teaching

- A. We need **wisdom** when preparing to teach another the gospel of Christ. **(Col 4:2-6)**
 - 1. We must keep our goal in sight. Our goal is to lead a person to the truth!
 - 2. Because we have this goal clearly defined, we are willing to make sacrifices to avoid unnecessary conflicts. **(1 Cor 9:18-23)**
 - 3. This kind of unselfish wisdom will be manifested in our teaching! **(2 Tim 2:24-26; Jas 3:17-18)**
 - 4. If we display a confident trust in God and His truth in our teaching, we

will teach by both word and example. Be patient.

B. We want to led another to the truth. (1 Tim 2:4)

1. There is no substitute for having another **search and find the truth** for themselves in this process.
 - a. We serve as a guide which points the way. They must be willing to walk down the path.
 - b. Good teaching will have regular interchanges or “tests” to see if they are still with you.
 - c. Remember that this internal struggle may take time, be willing to give it.
2. One of the most common mistakes that we make is to drive to the point of disagreement first!
 - a. If the person does not have the background, this will likely cause him to be stubborn or get angry. Most people are afraid to reveal how little they know.
 - b. It is far better to learn enough about the person and start where they are.
 - c. Study how our Lord often did this and led the person to the truth. **(Jn 4:6-26)**
2. When a person has struggled with issues and found the truth, then they have a logical basis on which to stand. They also will teach others in time. **(1 Peter 3:15)**

C. We must know as much as possible about where the prospect is in his understanding and background.

1. This is why **association on a social basis** is very helpful.
2. Please **listen to what they have to say! (Prov 18:13)**
 - a. Many times the most useful information and teaching will come after the study has closed and you are visiting in a relaxed manner.
 - b. You should try to illustrate your points with their background in mind.
3. When you spend time with the prospect they will develop more confidence in you!

D. Learn to teach from scripture! (Rom 1:16)

1. Again, what is our goal?
2. This will allow them to place their faith in God and not in men. **(2 Cor 4:5)**
3. Learn to have illustrations and discussion which will cause the prospect to turn back to the scripture in order to give an answer.

II. Analyzing Lesson 1 of the Cross of Christ Study

A. Questions 1-3

1. What is the purpose of life?
2. Do I have the peace of God?

B. Questions 4-5

1. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?
2. What does the love of God mean?

C. Questions 6-7

1. What is the evidence for the resurrection of Christ?

2. What are the implications of the resurrection of Christ?
3. True faith is based upon evidence.

D. Question 8

1. How do I have the motivation to serve God?

E. Question 9-10

1. What does true commitment mean?
2. What possible price may I have to pay because of my faith?

III. Presenting Lesson 1

A. Try to make your student at ease.

1. If necessary have pew bibles with page numbers.
2. Have a procedure to rotate the scripture readings and questions.
3. In this first study we should have points of agreement. Still this study is crucial.

B. Introduce the study.

1. Explain and introduce the outline to be used.
 - a. Explain that while this is a outline prepared by a man, that we will give emphasis to the scriptures.
 - b. Encourage the student to express disagreement, questions or raise other scriptures to examine.

C. Presenting the study.

1. Try to delay premature questions.
2. Try to limit the study to a specific time frame.
3. Have several prepared illustrations for each point!
4. If possible give a tract relevant to the questions studied.

Assignment: Be prepared to reach the first seven questions of lesson 1.

1. Please prepare in detail what you will say.
2. Make detailed notes if necessary.

IV. How to lead another to the truth

A. How should we approach the Lord's Supper? (Mt 26:26-28)

1. We must remember the reason for why we eat.
2. Does the outward form matter? Suppose we substituted hamburger and coke for the "fruit of the vine" and "bread?"
3. Do we change the instructions of the covenant because of human wisdom or convenience?
4. Could we use "bread" and "fruit of the vine" but add some peanut butter to it?

B. How should we praise God in our worship?

1. Under the Old Covenant God gave specific instructions that included both vocal and instrumental music. (**2 Chron 29:25-26**)
2. Why not simply look at every verse in the New Covenant and see what God wants?

Matthew 26:30

Vocal Music

Instrumental Music

<i>Acts 16:25</i>	_____	_____
<i>Romans 15:9</i>	_____	_____
<i>1 Corinthians 14:15</i>	_____	_____
<i>Ephesians 5:19</i>	_____	_____
<i>Colossians 3:16</i>	_____	_____
<i>Hebrews 2:12</i>	_____	_____
<i>Hebrews 13:15</i>	_____	_____
<i>James 5:13</i>	_____	_____

C. These questions are made much simpler when seen in the shadow of the cross.

Can I be of help to you?

For a complete set of outlines on the “Cross of Christ series” go to:
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