

# Revitalizing Sunday School

## Part 2: Re-Tooling Sunday School

### Participant's Handout

#### Purpose:

**See Sunday School effectively making disciples**

#### Objectives:

- Training local leaders to become effective in a re-packaged Sunday School;
- Teach the basics of Sunday School growth;
- Reorient pastors to a purpose-driven Sunday School.

Sunday School may again begin to grow if we will make a commitment to reach lost people.

Why commit to reaching the lost?

- Because God \_\_\_\_\_ the lost and wants them found.
- Because Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for all.
- Because people without Christ are without \_\_\_\_\_ or help.
- Because we \_\_\_\_\_ God and people.
- Because someone \_\_\_\_\_ us to Christ.
- Because the gospel can \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

What our commitment leads us to do:

- \_\_\_\_\_ prospects
  - By \_\_\_\_\_ a census of church attenders, family, and friends.
  - By \_\_\_\_\_ surveys.
  - By \_\_\_\_\_ on church visitors.
  - By \_\_\_\_\_ home Bible studies.
  - By \_\_\_\_\_ people, "Do you have a church home?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ prospects in adult Bible study fellowships (Sunday School classes)
  - The responsibility list \_\_\_\_\_ the growth potential of your church.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ people is a way of saying, "We need you, want you, and accept you."

- *When people consent to being placed on the class roll, they permit us to \_\_\_\_\_ to them.*
- *Enrolling persons means we \_\_\_\_\_ to minister to them.*
  
- *Provide spiritual nurture*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *for behavioral change*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *caring friendships*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *God's love faithfully*
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ *new groups*
  - *New clusters of people \_\_\_\_\_ newcomers*
  - *Groups become \_\_\_\_\_ ministry team*
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ *workers*
  - *Where the number of workers \_\_\_\_\_, so does Sunday School attendance.*
  - *Ministry requires \_\_\_\_\_*
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ *a ministry team.*
  - *Through \_\_\_\_\_ meetings*
  - *Through \_\_\_\_\_*
  - *By \_\_\_\_\_ together*
  - *By \_\_\_\_\_ each other*
  - *By \_\_\_\_\_ success*

Small Group Exercise.

1. Evaluate the commitment of your Sunday School workers to growing the Sunday School.

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Intense

Indifferent

2. Which of the following are most apt to motivate people in your church to reach out? Check the actions that apply and then rank in order of most motivating to least motivating.

\_\_\_\_\_ *praying for lost people*

\_\_\_\_\_ *making evangelism a personal priority*

\_\_\_\_\_ *examining the biblical basis for reaching out*

\_\_\_\_\_ *hearing your pastor describe God's vision for growth*

\_\_\_\_\_ *setting church and personal goals*

\_\_\_\_\_ *generating enthusiasm for ministry*

3. Evaluate your Sunday School in light of the six tasks of growing a Sunday School.

- a. What two tasks does your church do well?

- b. What two tasks need to be worked on?

- c. How will you make improvements?

## Action Planning/Reporting

Based on the responses to the questions in the Small Group Exercise, develop a plan implementing at least two of the six tasks.

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