

Teacher, Train Thyself:



*A Workshop for Helping Teachers
Identify the Areas in Which
They Need to Be Constantly Growing*



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TEACHER, TRAIN THYSELF!

PURPOSE: To introduce teachers to the four areas in which they need training; to have them discover the areas in which they are the strongest and weakest; to help them begin to design a personal training program to strengthen their knowledge and skills in each area, especially the area they identified as the weakest.

TARGET GROUP: All teachers or prospective teachers.

TIME REQUIRED: 2 Hours

MATERIALS NEEDED: (Check them off as you gather them.)

- _____ training resources to display
- _____ tables to set up the resource displays
- _____ resource persons to help lead the session
- _____ have someone bring light refreshments
- _____ copies of APPENDICES A-1 through A-3
- _____ copies of APPENDIX B

SPECIAL PREPARATION AND SUGGESTIONS:

1. Ask your pastor or other church staff persons to present the areas on the Bible and theology. Give them a month or more notice in which to prepare. If you choose to present these yourself, information is given below that will help you.
2. Make sure that you explain to these resource persons what you want them to do. For example, you want him or her to share why it is important for teachers to know the Bible and to suggest ways and resources they can get to help them. Do the same for the area on theology. Also, be sure to tell them how much time they have for their part.
3. Set up displays of the training resources that will be introduced during the session. You will need to work with your resource persons on this, that is, to get any training materials they will introduce. Perhaps your church librarian could also help in this area.

4. Four areas are shared in this workshop in which teachers need training. Use this as a guideline for planning other training events through the year. You will have a good idea of which areas need the most work as a result of this workshop. Use this in planning other training programs.

5. You could make this a two part workshop. Part 1 could go through I - IV. Part 2 could do the remainder. Thus you would have two one hour workshops. Since so much material is being presented, a two part workshop might be best.

7. If you decide to make this a two part workshop, you need to have Part 2 as soon as possible after Part 1.

I. WORSHIP TIME (5 minutes)

A. Prepare or ask someone to prepare a brief devotion based on 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

B. Have the person who gave the devotion give a prayer at this point or lead it yourself.

II. INTRODUCTION (5 minutes)

A. Use the information below to introduce the topic.

It is the responsibility of the church to provide training opportunities and resources for teachers. (Here share with them some of the resources and training events your church provides.)

But in the final analysis, your training for the teaching ministry of the church is really up to you. Even though our church provides training resources and events, you have to have the motivation and dedication to make use of them. You must take the initiative to get the kind of training you know you need. In other words, take responsibility for your own training.

But how can you do this? And just what kind of training do you need?