

## What Must I Teach?

1. **The Gospel:** At the crux of all teaching is the essence of the Gospel. The Gospel is that we are broken, lost, and frustrated beings that cannot work, earn, or will ourselves out of bondage. It is also the fact that we constantly belittle the God of the universe and we are deserving of eternal damnation and judgment. The Gospel (the Good News) however is the fact that God comes in the flesh and dies to absorb the wrath of God meant for us sinners and now makes justification for our sins. The Good News is the fact that we can't...but God did. And the journey of a Christian to utterly place our lives in the hands of this God and to follow Him in faith wherever he may lead us. Because of the Gospel, everything pales in comparison – church structure, politics, and schedules. Because of this we push the idea that “it is ok to not be ok”. That people can come as they are and hope to have their hearts healed. Because of this teaching is no longer about US but about the king. This is our focus. This is primary.
2. **Our Core Values:** Here at CBC Youth Ministry, we constantly try to push the 7 core values that we have found from scripture. We apply depth, community, service, missions, truth, discipleship, and prayer to our everyday lives and thoughts...because we have faith that in living this way (the way Jesus has taught) we live the best possible life. The core values can be found (<http://www.cbc-youth.com/about.html>).
3. **Your Material:** Your goal is for your students to come out of each class and be able to know it well enough that they can teach someone else. Don't just give them facts upon facts...help them understand and see from an everyday perspective.

## Where Do I Start?

1. **Contact your teachers:** Every Sunday school class has at least 2 teachers that are responsible for equipping the saints for this particular semester. You need to find out who they are (via google doc) and know your fellow co-workers. Find out when other teachers are out of town or will be gone that week.
2. **Develop Teaching Plan:** I have provided each class with a syllabus (<http://www.cbc-youth.com/syllabus.html>). Please try to follow the suggested schedule as detailed out. I think the next thing you'd ought to do is get together with your other teachers and decide upon some kind of teaching schedule. Be sure to understand the material before it is your turn to teach. Please let us help you if you need additional resources for your lessons.
3. **Contact your students:** We have emailed a copy of each class and which students are signed up for which class. Please continue to keep in contact with them before and during the semester. Remember that it is your duty to train and equip these students throughout this semester (not just during Sunday school).

## Advice

1. **There is only one Savior...and you are NOT him:** at the end of the day, you can't change someone's heart. At the end of the day, you are saved by grace just as those in the class that you're teaching. At the end of the day, YOU are held accountable to God for the way you lead and for the way you live your life. You must constantly remember this fact or else all is worthless and you will find no joy in teaching.
2. **Humility & patience:** Jesus was with the disciples everyday for 3 years and still not even they understood everything. There were times when Christ had to remind them and correct them...but he patiently walked with them. Remember that you were once in the same place they are and it took someone's tremendous patience to teach you. Remember that you don't know everything...you need to learn yourself. And the great news is that you don't have to pretend to know everything. If you don't know something...go study and bring back the answer.
3. **Challenge & Accountability:** These truths you will be teaching are venues to bring about the fullness of life...first off, you need be excited about learning this and then help your students get to that place. As far as accountability...whether it's thru quizzes or tests or homework please love your students enough to expect something from them.
4. **People over Program:** Love on the students more than keeping a schedule. Listen more than you talk. Pray for your students constantly – for their growth and for their salvation.
5. **Prepare & Pray:** We're a generation that loves to procrastinate and we use all the excuses in the world to do so. And if it's not the excuses...we'll blame others for our laziness. This is where God will keep you accountable for how you lead his sheep. Prepare all that you can and make sure you have the resources to give out to your students. But at the end of the day...you do all that you can with what God has given to you...but the results are left up to Him. So beg for their lives as I do for yours.

## Notes

1. **Attendance:** Be sure to take role and return the class roles to the cabinet inside the office.
2. **Uploading Documents:** If you need to upload documents online for your teachings, please email PJ Woo and he'll arrange it for you.
3. **Substitutes:** If for some reason all your teachers are gone for a Sunday, please contact Adam or Justin at least 2 weeks in advance and we'll arrange someone for you.
4. **Visitors:** Encourage your guests to fill out the online visitor's information for our records. If they need a bible, please let us know and we can provide them with one. Direct them to our CBC youth website for events and resources.