

Speaking Is Not Teaching

And

Listing Is Not Learning!

If you know the ten basic doctrines of the Christian faith, most likely you had a teacher who knew them and taught them to you. He made you learn them and showed you how to use them for God's glory and the benefit of others. That's what a teacher does.

Most of the Sunday School classes in Baptist churches are not really learning centers, they are listening centers where people gather to make friends and have fellowship. Someone stands and speaks for 45 minutes and the people sit and listen for 45 minutes and they leave having not learned anything that truly prepares and equips them to do the work of the ministry. Preparing to teach requires an understanding between the teacher and students that they are there to learn.

Equipping The Saints For The Work Of The Ministry

Intro: In every teaching and learning environment at least three conditions must exist:

1. Accountability= you must remember/retain the information.
2. A sense of need= you must see the benefit that will result.
3. An application= you must use what you learn or it's lost.

Part of the Great Commission is the church's responsibility to equip the people who are saved to do the "work of the ministry." One example of how this may be done is given in: Eph 6:10-11 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand...*

Teaching people how to use God's armor will prepare them to stand.