Effective Teaching Methods

1. Jesus gives us His clear commands regarding the Christian life on this earth:
   Matthew 28:18-20
   “Make disciples”
   How do we make disciples?
   The problem with many Christians:
   • A lot of knowledge but they don’t change their behavior.
   • A lot of knowledge but they don’t change their character.

2. Paul’s actions:
   Colossians 1:28-29
   “Persuade…”
   “Admonish…”
   “Each and every person…”
   “All kinds of wisdom…”
   “Full character…”

3. Paul’s methods:
   2 Timothy 2:2
   “Everything you heard from me…”
   “Give to others…”
   “Faithful men…”
   “Who have some ability…”
   “Who will be able to teach others…”
JESUS’ METHOD OF TEACHING AND MAKING DISCIPLES

1. He chose faithful men.
   Luke 6:13

2. He spent time with them.
   Mark 3:14

3. He gave them responsibilities (exercises to practice what they had learned).
   Mark 3:14b-15; 9:19-28-29

4. He watched over them and corrected them and continued to guide them.
   Luke 9:1-2, 10; John 14:

SUMMARY OF JESUS’ TEACHING METHODS

1. Teach them by using every method.
2. Show them how to do it.
3. Watch them and allow them.
4. Correct them and continue to guide them.

HOW DID JESUS TEACH?

1. Lecture
2. Parables
3. Demonstration
4. Give assignments and review
5. Ask questions
6. Create a situation and allow His disciples to discover the answers on their own, then clearly instruct
HOW DO PEOPLE LEARN AND REMEMBER THEIR LESSON?

Lecture: 5%
Reading: 10%
Audio-Visual: 20%
Demonstration: 30%
Discussion: 50%
Practice by Doing: 75%
Teach Others: 90%

THEREFORE, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

1. We should lecture when we must lecture, but in our lecture, use stories, show pictures, ask people to repeat after us and give clear instructions about how to apply the lesson to our life.

2. When we have the opportunity, prepare questions to help the students discuss the lesson.
   - Guiding questions help them to discover the meaning of the Word of God for their lives.
   - Reflective questions help the students think about and apply the lesson to their lives.
   - Information questions help them to remember the names of people, places and things.

3. When we have the opportunity we should create a situation for the students to apply the situation to their lives.

4. When we have the opportunity we should encourage the students to go out and tell someone else about what they have just learned.

Matthew 7:28-29
Our goal is to teach with the authority of the Holy Spirit. This means we must be filled with the Word of God and filled with the Holy Spirit. (Zechariah 4:6)
1. Pray before we teach.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to the meaning of the Word of God.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of the students.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to anoint us.
5. Pray after we teach.