



Part 2: The Bible and You

Class 9: Proclaiming the Bible

Objective: To provide biblical reasons to teach, proclaim, and live the truths of the Bible in our everyday lives - in the church, and in the world.

“ . . . preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.” (2 Timothy 4:2)



Question 1: Why should we spread the Bible's message?

- Jesus gave his followers the _____, which involves teaching everything that he taught them (Matthew 28:18-20).
- God has ordained that _____ would be the means by which he brings sinners to himself (1 Corinthians 1:21).
- The heart of the Bible's message is the _____ of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-5).
- The Bible's message is preserved as followers of Christ _____ others, who then in turn _____ others (2 Timothy 2:2).
- In order for people to _____, they must _____ (Romans 10:13-17)
- Lack of _____ of God is destructive to a people (Hosea 4:6; Amos 8:11-12).
- We have an opportunity to bring _____ to people's lives (Acts 8:26-38).

- A healthy church will have a concern for every-member _____ and growth. (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- ◆ **Key takeaway:** *Proclaiming the truths of the Bible perpetuates the life-giving message of Christianity!*

Question 2: Who should teach the Bible to others?

- Every _____ has the privilege and responsibility of carrying the message of the Bible into the world (Acts 8:1-4).
- God has also given unique _____ to individual Christians regarding the teaching of the Bible (Ephesians 4:11-12):
 - _____ are to instruct their flocks. (1 Peter 5:1-2)
 - _____ are to instruct their children. (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)
 - The _____ are to instruct the _____. (Titus 2:1-6)
 - _____ focus on preaching the gospel to the lost. (2 Tim 4:5)
 - _____ focus on plunging the depths of the Bible. (Hebrews 5:12; James 3:1)
 - All are to instruct their _____ to know the Lord. (Jeremiah 31:34)
- ◆ **Key takeaway:** *Every Christian has a unique opportunity to teach what he knows to others!*



Question 3: What are various ways to teach the Bible?



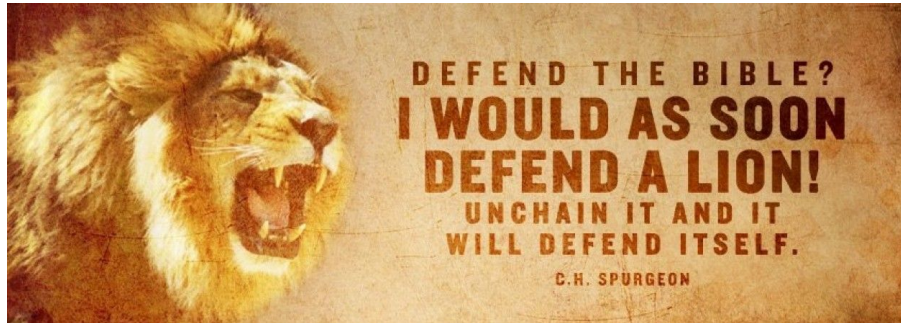
- The Bible can be taught in different _____:
 - Within a _____.
 - Individual _____.

- Practicing _____.
- Broadcasting _____.
- Teaching the church _____.
- The Bible can be taught with different _____:
 - Confrontational _____.
 - Long-term _____.
 - _____ settings.
- The Bible can be taught using different _____:
 - _____: covering the Bible's total teaching on a given subject.
 - _____: going through the Bible passage-by-passage.
 - _____: teaching through the Bible in historical order.
 - _____: question-and-answer approach covering the Bible's major concepts.



- No matter which approach you take, teaching the Bible should *always* be accompanied by the following _____:
 - Remember that _____ gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6).
 - Only the _____ changes hearts (2 Timothy 2:24-26).
 - _____ when the truth is proclaimed, regardless of the results (Philippians 1:15-18).
- ◆ **Key takeaway:** *The Bible can be taught in various ways, but the results should always be placed in God's hands!*

Question 4: How can we defend the Bible from criticism?



- The *defense* of the Bible's truths is called _____.
- The *offense* against anti-biblical philosophies is called _____.
- Both are necessary components of biblical teaching (Jude 3-4).
- All believers should be _____ to give an answer. (1 Peter 3:15)

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- 1. Love _____ above all. (Keep the main thing the main thing!)
 - 2. _____ and do your homework.
 - 3. Build _____ with nonbelievers.
 - 4. Get a _____. (Use trusted resources)
 - 5. Cultivate a _____ spirit. (Colossians 4:6)
- Remember that your life is sometimes the only _____ that people are reading! (2 Corinthians 3:1-3)
- ◆ **Key takeaway:** *Take care of your own study, teaching, and obedience to the Bible, and watch God work in your life and the lives of others!*

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