



A Plan for Creating New Adult SS Classes

In our last issue I asked the question, "Is there a perfect size room for an Adult Sunday School class?" I answered yes. When a (24'x16') 384 square foot space is 80% full, our plan for creating a new unit kicks into gear. Remember, our people know we **expect** a new unit and we have a **plan** to begin this new unit.

When a class averages 25 plus, the new unit process begins. The associate

teacher and 4 strong couples become the core for the new unit.

It is the teacher's responsibility to prayerfully select the core group from the couples in the existing class. The core group is the group of people that will form the new class.

Therefore, we want 4 couples that are regular in their attendance and are committed to reaching new people. On "Start Sunday" we need a room full of

members (10 people) to welcome the guests!

The biggest challenge is the teacher's attitude in this whole process. The teacher must understand, support and lead the class to accomplish its goal. It is a great idea to spend time developing your teachers and helping them to understand the strategy of reaching people by creating new classes regularly. Your teachers are the key!!

The Plan....Step By Step

Begin in your church membership information class by sharing your SS strategy with all new members. Adult Bible teachers are enlisted with the understanding that they are to lead their class to reproduce a new unit annually. Share your vision for creating new units regularly at leadership training meetings throughout the year. Determine the point a class will begin the process of creating a new unit (when the class averages 25+

consistently). The teacher shares with the class (in a positive way) the news that a new unit will begin soon. The teacher is responsible for creating and maintaining a positive Christian attitude in the class. The teacher will prayerfully select the core group for the new unit (this will take time). The class will have up to 3 months to facilitate the new unit. The date the new class will start is placed on the calendar. The class is asked to pray for the teacher as he/she

works behind the scenes to put the core group together. The associate teacher will become the teacher of the new unit. The associate teacher has been teaching 30-50% of the time with the intent of becoming the lead teacher of the new unit. In a couples class, we are looking for 4 core couples with a 50%+ attendance pattern. All core members are asked to help with the ministry tasks of the new unit until the leaders of the new unit emerge. Contact potential new members for the new unit and (continued on page 3).



"If some newspaperman had asked me the next day what happened, I couldn't have told him. I didn't know, but I knew in my heart that I was somehow different and changed. That night

When Is Enough...Enough?

We must never discount what God can and will do!

It was the fall of 1934 in Charlotte, North Carolina where the evangelist Mordecai Ham preached a three-month long revival. At age 17, young Billy Graham was invited by a friend to attend the Ham-Ramsay Evangelistic Campaign. Night after night, Billy and his friends attended the services.

Finally one night, Billy sensed that the time had come for him to make a decision for Christ. On the ***last verse, of the last hymn***, Billy Graham came forward and asked Christ into his heart.

What if that last verse had not been sung? That's a thought to ponder! How many times are we tempted to quit or sell ourselves short? We must always trust God

and give our very best, even to the very end and trust the Holy Spirit to bring about the desired outcome.

God used the ministry of Mordecai Ham as an instrument to bring Billy to Christ. And now years later, think of the impact that one soul, won to Christ, has made on the destiny of mankind! We must always ask ourselves, "When is enough... enough?"

A Lesson in Leadership From Moses...

Exodus 18: 13-27

After reading this passage of scripture, one will see that Moses was trying to do too much himself. His father-in-law gave him some very good advice, which Moses took to heart and applied. Here are some of the highlights found in this scripture:

- ❖ Delegate your responsibility.

- ❖ Don't make people wait on you because you're "too busy". Choose qualified leaders to assist you in your ministry.
- ❖ Trying to do your ministry alone will burn your candle at both ends.
- ❖ We should always be open to some good advice / especially from

someone that is wise.

- ❖ Look at your situation and decide what type of organization you need to best meet the ministry needs.
- ❖ The type of ministry determines the leadership qualities needed.
- ❖ Enlisting the right people multiplies your ministry capabilities.

Great Quotes...

"If we work on marble, it will perish; if on brass, time will efface it; if we rear up temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and the

love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity."- **Daniel Webster**

"A leader's domain is in the future, and what you do with that future means the difference between

leaving a track record and leaving a legacy."- John Maxwell

"If you don't like your output, then change your input."- **Zig Ziglar**

"When character is lost, all is lost."- **Billy Graham**

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Adult Teachers... Evaluating Their Effectiveness

Consider this as a new way for your adult teachers to evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching. This is done annually.

Am I teaching to meet the needs of my learners?

Most teachers do an adequate job in this area.

Am I teaching class

members into leadership positions within my class and to accept leadership positions in other areas of the Sunday School? Am I encouraging my class members to find their ministry in Sunday School?

Am I teaching to reproduce a new unit annually? It is the teacher's responsibility

to lead the class to do The Great Commission!

Normally, we do well with the first one and struggle with the last two. Focus on the last two and watch what will happen!!!!

The Plan...Step by Step... continued

invite them to attend a fellowship event prior to Start Sunday. All potential new members (prospects) are funneled to the new unit and should be contacted regarding the fellowship event and the beginning of the new unit.

On the last Sunday, before the new unit begins, the existing class gathers around the new core group and "lays hands" on this group and prays for their new ministry. The class prayerfully sends the new unit out to do The Great

Commission. The class prays for the Holy Spirit to bless the new unit and to bless the existing unit as it seeks to fill the 10 empty seats of the core group that is leaving. Prayer is the key ingredient that makes this whole process work!

Training Camp with an "NFL" Theme...

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The breakout sessions will stretch your thinking and you will receive power packed

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