

BIBLE TEACHING METHODS
Fall 2014

Course #537
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Course Goal

This course will seek to improve the student's understanding and skill in the preparation and delivery of Bible lessons to various audiences. The student will review the principles of teaching and the key elements of communicating effectively. Emphases will be upon

1. the teacher's interpreting and understanding the Bible
2. understanding the challenges of learners within various age or other demographic groups
3. preparing and organizing Bible lessons
4. methods for engaging and communicating Bible truth to students in order to effect change
5. practice in delivering Bible lessons in class

Textbook

Creative Bible Teaching by Larry Richards and Gary Bredfeldt

Assignments

1. Sketch a lesson plan for a group of teenagers on Matthew 5:13-16 following the lesson plan template (Table 14a) in *Creative Bible Teaching*. Due the week following the mid-term exam.
2. Present a 20-30 minute Inductive Bible Study that involves class participation on the Bible passage of your choice. The lesson will be presented November 24, and lesson notes citing resources and planned questions will be submitted to the instructor.
3. Prepare a 10-20 minute Bible lesson plan on the doctrine, topic, or passage of your choice. Submit for discussion (December 1) a generic version plus two variations of this lesson geared for: 1) mixed gender sixth graders, and a church ladies' group.

Grading

Exams: 55% Readings: 20% Lessons: 20% Attendance: 5%

Schedule

September	8	What makes for good or bad teaching? Principles of learning.
	15	God's Message: Teaching the Bible
	22	Aims in teaching the Bible
	29	Methods and Tools for teaching the Bible
October	6	Methods and Tools for teaching the Bible; methods of Jesus
	13	Preparation to Teaching: knowing your target audience and how they learn
	20	Preparation to Teaching: handling diverse types of biblical literature
	27	Mid-term Exam
November	3	Preparing to Teach: analyzing and interpreting the text(s)
	10	Preparing to Teach: structuring your message
	17	Delivering the lesson: principles of oral communication (what to do / not to do)
	24	Student Bible Lessons in Class
December	1	Student Lesson Plan Review in Class
	9	Final Exam