

Teaching for Transformation

Every family community needs to include 5 elements – (1) Connection; (2) Transformation; (3) Worship; (4) Outreach; (5) Service.

Today we want to talk about the *teaching* session. The goal of the session ought to be (2) above – “transformation.” You will read this emphasis in your handbook on pages 17-18. Transformation is the goal of the Bible. James 1:22 says, “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” John 13:17 says, “if you know these things, happy are you if you do them.” I Corinthians 8:1 says, “We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.” God wants us to become “doers.” God wants us to become “edified,” and “built up,” and “strengthened.”

One of the slight problems in teaching is that you cannot *make* people obey God’s word. You can put the food in the mouth but you can’t swallow it for them. You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink. But there are things that you can do to make it *easier* to understand and obey. Let me make 5 suggestions that are based on pages 17 and 30 of your handbook.

1. Choose one objective only. Not one for the kids, one for the adults, one for the married, one for the single, one for the unbeliever, one for the cooks, one for the left handed people, etc.

What is one objective we could teach in a community from Colossians 2:6-10?

2. The objective needs to be more or less the summary of the Scripture passage. You want to meditate on that Scripture verse and that objective until it controls your heart and mind.

What objective more or less *summarizes* Colossians 2:6-10?

3. An objective needs to include a verb – preferably one single (simple) verb.

How could we state an objective we could teach from Colossians 2:6-10?

4. Once you have the objective, then you want to think about something for the group to memorize – a verse, part of a verse, a commandment, a proverb.
What would be profitable to memorize from Colossians 2:6-10?

5. Once you have the objective, then you want to think about something for the group to DO – something that could help them practice the objective. This is page 28-30 in the hand book, under “TMA.” The activity should be something like a craft, a physical game, an application discussion, a paper game, a paper exercise, story telling, or many other kinds of things.

What could we have children do that would help them learn the objective of Col. 2:6-10?