

Teach for Life...Not just for Teaching

As a teacher, never have Bible study for the sake of Bible study. The end result of studying the Bible is an affect or change to the person's life. The Bible isn't just a history book or a story book or a statement of doctrine...it's all of these, but it is also the LIVING word of God. So, teach to make a difference in lives, not just to fill the hour. Teach for life-change, never just to cover the lesson. Remember, we teach people, not lesson books.

At the end of every teaching session, be sure to show your students how what you discussed that day fits into their lives. What can they do this week to apply what they've learned? What affect should this knowledge have? What can you do or ask them next week to remind them of these things or to help keep them accountable?

For example, after a lesson about sharing Jesus you might include the following comments:

SAY: Who are three friends of yours that you think might not know Christ? How can you begin praying for them this week? How do you think your actions last week influenced them—did they bring them closer to knowing Christ or push them further away? What can you do this week that might help them come to Christ?