



TEACHING METHODS

Discussion

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING:

- BIBLE

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING:

- ONLINE BIBLE WEBSITE OR TRADITIONAL BIBLE

EMPOWERING LEARNING:

- STUDENTS AND TEACHER WORK TOGETHER TO FIND TRUTH FROM THE WORD OF GOD
- ACTIVE PARTICIPATION HELPS STUDENTS TO COME AWAY WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LESSON

DESCRIPTION

Discussion is used to help students develop answers to specific problems noted in scripture or to understand scripture from new perspectives. Discussions should be led in a way that allows all students to participate while being tailored to the students' needs, interests and ability level.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING

- **PREPARE:** Research your subject carefully so that you know enough about it to keep the conversation going.
- Read the scripture with the class
- Use the discussion to help the group find potential solutions to a specific problem noted in scripture.
- Make sure to use open ended questions to keep the discussion going
- Be willing to cut someone off kindly by saying "thank you" or "maybe we can come back to that again later"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING

Same as for In-Person Teaching

IDEAS FOR USING THIS METHOD

- This method works best if students are comfortable, and thus more willing to have discussion.
- This method works well when combined with other teaching methods, for example a short lecture at the beginning or a short reflection time at the end of the lesson.
- It may be beneficial to write the questions where the students can see them.