



TEACHING METHODS

Mock Trial

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING:

- COSTUMES
- SCISSORS
- CARDBOARD
- WRITING UTENSILS
- GLUE/TAPE
- PAPER
- IMAGINATION!

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING:

- WORD PROCESSOR
- PARTICIPANT LIST
- ONLINE BIBLE
- AUDIO EDITING SOFTWARE

EMPOWERING LEARNING:

- ENHANCES LEARNING BY IMMERSION, CONNECTIONS AND EMPATHY SKILLS IN ALL PARTICIPANTS
- CHALLENGES PARTICIPANTS PRIOR SCRIPTURAL KNOWLEDGE
- ENGAGES THE ABILITY TO OBSERVE, ANALYZE AND COMPARE FACTS AND DETAILS FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

DESCRIPTION

The Mock Trial method is an enriching method that equips learners to interweave themselves into a historical biblical courtroom experience and engage in different roles with a contemporary mindset.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING

- Decide on the type of court/judicial system you will use and present to the class
- Give a historical background on the Scripture before reading for context
- Read the chosen Scripture with participants noting the structure, flow, and scene with participants
- Allow members to explore ALL characters (including non-human)
- Have participants select roles (including a narrator) and ask why did they choose this particular role
- Allow participants to start reading over their lines to paraphrase (skits require no practice in advance!)
- Assume the role of prompter (unless someone volunteers) and Assistant Director as the Holy Spirit leads us

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING

- Repeat the instructions for in-person teaching with the following exceptions:
 - Digitize all notes and scripts and email them prior to "rehearsal"
 - Keep them engaged with having students "voice" their chosen characters (non-human characters also)
 - Challenge them to really immerse themselves into their roles by allowing their costume choice to reflect what they think their character would wear today

IDEAS FOR USING THIS METHOD

- The beginning of Easter week for full immersion into the great injustice Jesus and others experienced that night
- To introduce Liberation Theology and/or Liberation Ethics
- Can be used for all ages (yes, ALL) by modifying the theological depth
- As the a congregational/community study