



TEACHING METHODS

Script Writing

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING:

- PENS/MARKERS
- NEWSPRINT LARGE POST-ITS OR A WHITE BOARD

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING:

- WHITE BOARD FEATURE ON ZOOM OR SHARE SCREEN WITH A GOOGLE DOC
- SAMPLE CREATED BY INSTRUCTOR

EMPOWERING LEARNING:

- ENGAGES VISUAL & KINESTHETIC LEARNERS
- ENCOURAGES USE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

DESCRIPTION

Script Writing is a method to engage people in the creative process of brainstorming and telling a story. Members of the bible study can write then act out a script based on a story or theme found in the bible.

It gives them the chance to delve deeply into the text and use their own words to express their found meaning behind the text.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING

Read the bible story/passage. Divide into small groups and have each group brainstorm how to re-tell the story they just heard. Maybe they put a surprise twist into the script, make notes about costumes and characterization?

Have newsprint, large post-it notes or a white board spread out on the floor. Ask each group to write on the canvas. Once brainstorming is complete, ask them to turn their notes into a script.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING

Have a copy of the bible story/passage displayed on the screen. Read it aloud. Divide into breakout rooms and use the white board feature or share screen on a google doc so that groups can collaborate to brainstorm. Re-read the story from the bible as many times as needed to accurately glean plot, subtext, imagery, moral (if applicable). Ask each group to write their script(s) or combine into a big group and write one script together.

IDEAS FOR USING THIS METHOD

- Pick a passage from the bible or a theme.
- Write a script to illustrate something happening in the church (Good Friday, Christmas Pageant, Ash Wednesday, Epiphany, etc...).
- Share the final product in a table read or a production.
- Give participants freedom to create their own story (not based on a passage of scripture) which could go into the bible today. You could see creativity & where they stand on a social issue by using this spin on the method.