

## TEACHER TRAINING QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The teacher training ministry at any church can be made most effective if the following questions are kept in mind:

1. Is the training age-appropriate? Few teachers want to sit through a training meeting that is not designed for their age-level. This means that training must be segmented to fit the needs of the teachers based on the age-level they teach. If you are going to have all your teachers together for training, be certain the subject applies to all.
2. Is the training curriculum compatible? It is valuable to know the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum used at your church. Armed with this information you can create training that reinforces the strengths and seeks to overcome the weaknesses.
3. Is the training immediately useable? Another way to ask this question is: Can the teachers use what they are learning the next time they teach? If so, then most teachers will see the high value of training and want more of it. If not, they will tend to not want to participate in training in the future.
4. Is the training regular and systematic? Many churches will go years without training and then wonder why they cannot find anyone to teach. Or, things are going very poorly in a number of classes and they wonder what has gone wrong. If we are not sowing the seed of preparing and supporting teachers we should not expect to have an appropriate crop of trained teachers. Each church will need to address the details of training in their particular situation.



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