

LEADERSHIP LESSON # 103: WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER . . . WILL YOU
OUTLINE BY MIKE WILLIAMS **BE THERE? WHAT TO CONSIDER BEFORE REMOVING
SOMEONE FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROLL**

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First, let me give you examples of reasons NOT to remove someone from a Sunday School roll:

1. The person has not attended in several months.
2. The person is lowering our attendance percentage.
3. The person has never attended Sunday School.
4. The person is homebound.
5. The person travels too much.
6. There are too many people on our roll.
7. The person has not joined the church yet.

Finally, let me give you four reasons to remove someone from a Sunday School roll:

1. Death. If a person has died then remove them from the Sunday School Roll. You do not want to accidentally send them a birthday card or invitation. However, make sure the person’s family has a church home or Sunday School class in order to best minister to them.
2. Joined another church. Obviously, the other church will now minister to this person. However, just because they joined another church does not mean you cannot be friends, right? Keep in touch with this person until they become active in Sunday School at their new church home.
3. Asked to be removed from the Sunday School roll. We should respect their wishes. In this case, I usually ask for a reason and let the person know that there is no responsibility required of them to remain on the roll. It does allow us as Sunday School leaders the opportunity to pray for the person!
4. Moved away and is active at another church. The person may have moved to a new city, state, or nation. However, notice that I would not recommend removing the person from the roll just because they moved. I would wait until they are active OR have joined another church. This way, the person still has a church family to call on if the person needs anything. Also, the Sunday School group will continue to follow up on and pray for this person.

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