



# Let's Evaluate Our Sunday School

## **LEADERSHIP LESSON 36: LET'S EVALUATE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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The first thing to remember when trying to evaluate an organization is that there is something to evaluate.

Have goals and **meaningful measures** been implemented? Were teachers and leaders enlisted with those goals and measures in place?

Having just paid \$475 to attend a leadership conference I was amazed to find that nearly everything that was presented as new and different turned out to be what I had learned through using the Sunday School Growth Spiral. New, not really. Different, not really. There are some basics that we need to implement and continually evaluate.

1. Keep track of people. The computer is a wonderful tool. Use it. Keep **track** of people **attending** on campus and off campus Bible study groups. Track attendance. How can you know who is absent if you don't know who is supposed to be there? Duh!
2. Keep track of people. The computer is a wonderful tool. Use it. Keep track of **people** who might be interested in **attending a Bible study group**. Ask the hard question: Who are we trying to reach? Names might be nice. Where they live or work might be good information to have. Do they have children, hobbies, needs? Keeping track of people is the sign of a well organized and functioning Sunday School.
3. Keep track of people. The computer is a wonderful tool. Use it. Keep track of **Sunday School teachers** and leaders. Keep track of their training; keep track of the pupil/teacher ratios. It does make a difference.
4. Keep track of people. The computer is a wonderful tool. Use it. Keep track of contacts. How do you know what you could be if you don't know what you are? How many real people are possibilities, how many of those are contacted each week? How many absentees are contacted each week? If you don't know where you are going any old road will get you there. (I learned this at my daddy's knee.)
5. Keep track of people. What ministry needs are surfacing with members as well as non-members? Who is working to help meet those needs? How is that being done? Do you see trends in needs and ministry that needs to be addressed? Do you need to begin a new ministry in order for those needs to be addressed in a particular way?



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Goals need to be \_\_\_\_\_?

Keep \_\_\_\_\_ of people \_\_\_\_\_.

Keep track of \_\_\_\_\_ interested in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Keep track of people who are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and leaders.

Why is it important to keep track of contacts made each week?

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How do you know when to start new ministries/classes, etc.?

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