

LEADERSHIP LESSON # 58: ESSENTIALS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH

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5. **Space** – Does each unit have adequate space to meet? You should allow about 12 square feet per person.
6. **Ministry Contacts** – Is there one contact for each member reported each week?
7. **Leaders in Training** – Has each leader had some formal leadership training this year?
8. **Sunday School Leadership Meetings** – Do at least 75 percent of the leaders meet regularly to pray, plan, and prepare to meet the needs of people?
9. **Sunday School Attendance** – Is there 40-60 percent of the total enrollment present each week?
10. **Persons in Discipleship** – Are at least half of those enrolled in Sunday School taking part in the church's discipleship ministry?
11. **Worship Attendance** – Is the worship attendance no more than 10 percent above Sunday School average attendance? (Or, is Sunday School average attendance at least 90 percent of worship attendance?)
12. **Outreach (or FAITH) Teams** – Does the total number of teams equal the number of classes (Bible study groups) in the Sunday School? Also, does each adult and student class have a team specifically charged with intentionally sharing the gospel and reaching out to people who need to be in that particular group?

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