

LEADERSHIP LESSON 11: OPEN ENROLLMENT

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The challenge to grow your Sunday School is a challenge to change your **attitude**.

Attitude Change #1

Often we only consider enrolling people who have come to our **class** because they have shown interest in us. We need to develop an attitude of concern for the spiritual well-being of others. Everyone needs to study the Word of God and experience the support of a loving, Christian fellowship. With this attitude of concern, we should seek to enroll **anyone** we meet who is not involved in the study of the Bible.

Attitude Change #2

When do we enroll people in Sunday School? Usually within the first fifteen minutes of class time. We need to develop an attitude that says, "**Now** is the time." **Anytime** you are in the presence of anyone who is not involved in the study of the Bible is the best time to enroll them in Sunday School.

Attitude Change #3

The classroom is the place most people are enrolled in Sunday School. Once again, we put the **burden** on others to do something in order to qualify for enrollment. We need to develop an attitude that says, "the best place to enroll someone is wherever you find them." Where should people be enrolled in Bible study? **Anywhere** you find people is the best place to enroll someone.

Attitude Change #4

In order for most people to be enrolled, they have to show a level of commitment to the Sunday School class. If we wait for people to commit to us, then we are not likely to reach an unsaved person. We need to develop the **Great Commission** attitude and go to the people. We need to ask for the privilege of committing to care for them. If they **agree**, then we need to follow through on our commitment. As you live out your commitment to them by demonstrating the love of Christ, expect good things to happen. When they know you care, then they will come to Sunday School and, someday, to Christ.

From Attitude to Action:

Action #1

Develop a list of people you know who are **not** enrolled in Sunday School. This could include church **members** who do not attend Sunday School.

Action #2

Assign these people to an **appropriate** class for enrollment.

Action #3

Have the assigned classes contact the prospects and invite them to be enrolled using the following enrollment **covenant**:

In this world, everyone needs someone praying for them. Our Sunday School class would like the privilege of praying for you. You are not obligated to us, we are obligated to pray for you, share with you, and care for you and your family - if a problem arises. At some point you may decide to come. If you do attend, you will not be asked to pray, preach, or lead the singing -- just enjoy the fellowship of those who care for you! May we have this privilege?

Action #4

With those who agree to enroll, uphold the covenant by praying for them, sharing material or 'goodies' with them, and **minister** to them as they have need.

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