

LEADERSHIP LESSON 20: “TRIPLE A” SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Hopefully, you have never experienced an automotive emergency that has disabled your car and left you stranded. If it ever occurs, it is nice to have an automotive organization that enables you to continue your journey. One of the more well-known agencies is referred to as “Triple A.” Their excellent service and benefits have made them well-known and utilized among motorists. What benefits should Sunday School offer to make it well-known and utilized by the masses of people? Can this church develop a “Triple A” Sunday School and what would it be like?

Accessible

Sunday School should be easy to get to, easy to understand, and easy to join. Sunday School should be accessible to everyone. Sunday School should develop open groups that practice open enrollment in order to reach new people. Open groups are ongoing, open-ended Bible studies which remain accessible for everyone; believers and non-believers. Open groups should not be limited to Sunday morning, but should be accessible at multiple times and in a variety of locations.

Open enrollment is a practice which encourages classes to commit to reaching people, rather than asking people to commit to the organization. A class that utilizes this practice will “show up” in the lives of people rather than waiting for people to “show up” in the classroom.

Amiable

It is always nice to be warmly greeted and royally treated when you go somewhere. This should be the ultimate goal of every church and class. Whenever someone makes the effort to come to church they should discover people who are genuinely glad they are present and who are anxious to become their friend. They should find more than a friendly church, they should find friends.

Church members have a natural tendency to come together and enjoy the company of their friends. Often members will be polite and greet their guests, but they spend the balance of their time with existing friends. A growing class is one that maintains healthy relationships with existing friends, but willingly invests significant time in connecting with guests and inviting others to be involved in the group.

Attachable

Finally, a “Triple A” class needs to give newcomers different ways to get connected to the group. People connect to a group as they discover friends and participate in meaningful activity or ministry. In your own network of organizations, you will discover that each group provides you the opportunity to connect with other people and allows you to participate in meaningful activity. These are two ingredients in sensing that you truly belong in the group.

People often connect with others over a meal or during a meaningful activity. Classes should seek to develop clear opportunities for a non-attending person or a newcomer to connect with the group.

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