LEADERSHIP LESSON 28
HOW TO TEACH DIFFICULT SUBJECTS
OUTLINE BY NATHAN TAYLOR

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2. What memories does this subject bring up?
3. What do I already know about the subject?
4. Can I be honest and objective in dealing with this subject?
5. Am I separating cultural influence from biblical insight?

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B. HE correctly used scripture.
C. HE taught so the average person could understand.
D. HE lived out what HE taught.
E. HIS teachings were often controversial.

How can, we as Sunday School Leaders, teach difficult subjects? Some suggestions:

A. Be honest
B. Be knowledgeable
C. Be tactful
D. Be sensitive to the needs of the class
E. Be biblical
F. Be flexible
G. Pray about the subject before teaching it
H. We need to teach with authority
I. Determine if the Bible is silent on the subject
J. Instead of just giving your opinion, allow scripture to be the authority
K. Determine how the subject will affect each member of your class
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