LEADERSHIP LESSON 38: OVERCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL MYTHS
OUTLINE BY DWIGHT MOSS

Myth number 1: “A large class is the sign of a great teacher.”
▪ A large class breeds anonymity.
▪ It’s harder for a new person to become assimilated into a large class.
▪ The true sign of a great teacher is how many people are equipped for ministry and sent into service.

Myth number 2: “It doesn’t matter if we start the class on time or not.”
▪ It is a systemic problem throughout the Sunday School.
▪ We are being dishonest to guests.
▪ It minimizes the importance of class time.

Myth number 3: “Sunday morning Bible study is the main thing in Sunday School.”
▪ Evangelism and discipleship are the primary reasons for Sunday School.
▪ Bible study is one tool we use to accomplish these goals.
▪ People are not as interested in how much we know as how much we care.

Myth number 4: “New members should not be enrolled until having visited three consecutive Sundays.”
▪ Everyone who attends Sunday School attends for a reason.
▪ Enrollment creates a connection.
▪ Enrollment creates accountability.

Myth number 5: “Members who have not attended in the past year should be removed from the roll.”
▪ It should be a ministry list not a class roll.
▪ Lack of attendance is an indication of another problem.
▪ Inactives are your best prospects.

Myth number 6: “The pastor’s role in Sunday School is not important.”
▪ The pastor is the most important person in Sunday School.
▪ The pastor’s most important jobs in Sunday School are promotion and encouragement.
▪ The pastor can exhibit ministry.

Myth number 7: “Lecture is the best teaching method for all adults.”
▪ Lecture takes the least preparation than other teaching methods.
▪ People best learn from a variety of teaching styles.
▪ It is best to not get stuck on any one teaching style. Use a variety of styles
Myth number 8: “I’ve been teaching for 20 years. I don’t need training.”
- Longevity does not equal quality.
- Teachers who receive training encourage the other class leaders to improve themselves.
- All Sunday School positions need refresher training.

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- Preschool teachers can express God’s love.
- Preschoolers learn comfort and trust in Sunday School.
- Preschool learning serves as the foundation for later learning.

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