LEADERSHIP LESSON #97: TEENS NEED A PLACE THEY BELONG

WHY SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT FOR TEENS

OUTLINE BY CYNTHIA WATTS

1. Sunday School is vital to teens to build relationships:
   a. With God
   b. With other Christian youth
   c. With leaders who are committed, faithful role models, who make time for the youth and genuinely care about them

2. Sunday School is also the place for discipleship to deepen their faith.

3. Sunday School is important because they are our future adults.

4. Sunday School is another opportunity to connect with parents through Sunday School gatherings, information sent home, and outreach events.

5. Sunday School is the outreach and evangelism arm of the church and the vehicle for youth to learn to share their faith. An effective youth Sunday School leader helps youth involve other youth in love and caring activities and plans regular visitation times. In a thriving youth Sunday School, leaders and youth use all sorts of opportunities to witness to unsaved youth, trying to involve them in Youth Sunday School and in the church.

6. Youth need a Sunday School where they are involved and excited about studying the Bible and applying it in their daily lives.

7. Meaningful Youth Sunday Schools have leaders who teach youth to support the entire church’s ministry and missions programs.

8. Youth need an area that is friendly, accepting, fun, exciting, and inviting, especially when the youth can help plan how to decorate and use their space.

9. Sunday School is important because it can provide youth leaders who are enthusiastic and are constantly growing spiritually. Youth need leaders who are committed to a daily quiet time, and attend training to improve their methods of teaching and understanding of youth.

10. Youth want and desire to engage in creative experiences. Youth leaders need to provide their students with firsthand experiences of God’s love. Discover ways to give them face-to-face encounters with God. Provide arenas in which they can explore their faith and discover why they believe what they do, not what their parents believe.

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