

# *How to Teach the Bible*

## *Lesson 1:*

### The Role of the Teacher

#### The *What* of Teaching

- Obviously, the Sunday School answer is...the Bible. However, there are many pitfalls we can fall into, where we think we are teaching the Bible, but we are actually teaching...
  - My opinion—what I think about this or that topic (Mark 7:8-9)
  - My ministry—using the Bible to boost my credibility and popularity, making others dependent upon me (2 Cor. 4:5)
  - What people want to hear—teaching in order to please others by distorting or omitting parts of the Bible we know others will not like (2 Timothy 4:3-4)
- A good teacher will seek to teach his disciples CHRIST and HIS WORD (Matt. 7:24-27)
  - This is what it means to be a disciple
  - We are not merely reading a book; we are receiving the commands of our Savior.

#### The *Why* of Teaching

- To start, we are commanded to teach by Jesus himself. It is woven into the Great Commission—"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:18-20)
- It is an expectation of maturing disciples that they will become teachers (Hebrews 5:12-13)
- The gospel depends in the faithful handing down of the testimony from one generation to the next (2 Timothy 2:2)
- Older generations are expected to teach younger generations and to model for them Christian living (Titus 2:3-5)

#### The *Who* of Teaching

- Moms and dads have a responsibility to teach their children in the home (Prov. 1:8-9; Deut. 6:6-7)
- Husbands have a duty to wash their wives with the Word (Ephesians 5:25-26)
- Both men and women have the joy of making disciples in our communities and in the mission field (Acts 8:34)
- Brothers and sisters in the church should be regularly encouraging and exhorting one another with the Scriptures (Col. 3:16)
- Older men and women in the church have a responsibility to teach younger men and women as spiritual fathers and mothers (Titus 2)
- Men who have been set apart as pastors and teachers are responsible to exercise teaching and preaching authority when the whole house of God is gathered (1 Timothy 2:7-3:7; 1 Corinthians 14:33-35)