

Look UP, Look IN, Look OUT

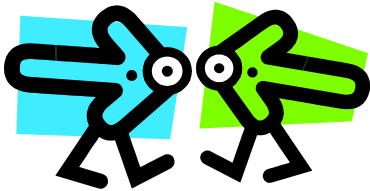
A Strategy to Make and Equip

An effective strategy in Sunday School does not focus on making better Sunday School attendees, but instead, focuses on making and equipping disciples and cultivating genuine Christian community. Therefore, one's experience in Sunday School must connect with life, not be isolated from it.

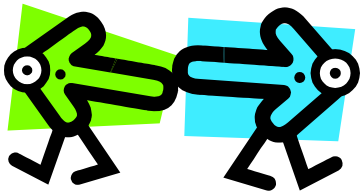
An effective strategy in Sunday School also recognizes the responsibility of everyone involved. Each of us must claim our level of commitment and investment in this ministry process. We must look past the worldly and mundane in order to see the sacred opportunity that is available to us. We must Look **UP**, Look **IN** and Look **OUT**.



Look UP- *Committing to and Investing in* our relationship with God.



Look IN-*Committing to and Investing in* our relationship with each other.



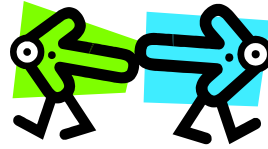
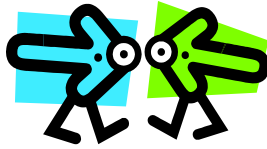
Look OUT- *Committing to and Investing in* our relationship with our community.

Underlying the opportunity to Look UP, IN and OUT is Matthew 22:37-39... The Greatest Commandment...

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.” Look UP!



“And the second is like it; Love your neighbor as yourself.” Look IN and OUT!



Surely, the Greatest commandment has a place in Sunday School!

If we are to be more like Christ and less like the world, we must commit to and invest in our faith journey everyday, not just Sunday. How we are “looking” in Sunday School can have an impact on how we live out our God given purpose and calling.

Looking UP, IN and OUT has implications for the individual believer, the couple, the family, the Sunday School Class and the congregation as a whole. Will you... will we make the commitment and then invest ourselves in Looking UP, Looking IN and Looking OUT?

What does this strategy for Sunday School look like...



Look UP- *Committing to and Investing in* our relationship with God.

Varying teaching approaches (Experiential Bible Study)

Utilize different resources in lesson preparation and sharing (Concordances, Bible Dictionaries, Commentaries, Maps, etc.)

Evaluate Curriculum for effectiveness

Read more than just the lesson text...

50% + interaction with class (conversational approach)

Balance of scripture focus vs. topic

Additional Room resources (Dry Erase Bds., internet, worksheets, DVDs,)

Room Set Up

Departmental Lesson (How many times per year?)

Partnering with other classes for a specific study (Same department, different departments?)

Teacher Equipping

Class Prayer Time

Multiple Prayer leaders

Multiple Prayer Styles

Readings in Psalms and Proverbs



Look *IN-Committing to* and *Investing in* our relationship with each other.

Fellowship meals/Cookouts

Beast Feast – Invite friends (especially hunters or fishermen) to a potluck meal of dishes based on a wide variety of game.

Email list

Class Facebook

Tweets, Texts, Phone Calls, e-cards

Movie Nights (Home or Theatre)

Guys Night/Girls Night

Supper club

Ministry Lists vs. Roll Sheets

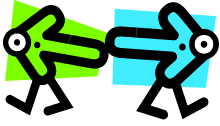
Prayer List for Class

Share & Celebrate Milestones (Graduations, Promotions, Births, etc.)

Deliver quarterlies and other materials when someone is out

Share testimonies on a regular basis

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Goal for OIAM participation

5th Sunday Invite Goal for inviting others not a part of FBCS family

Class mission project (minimum 2 per church year – August to September)

Prayer List for specific needs outside of class (of individuals or groups)

Support/Ministering to others (soldiers, missionaries, family members) who are not near through mail, email, web, texting

Adopt hometown heroes

As a class or individually: commitment to be involved in a FBC mission/outreach ministry

Being on a “driving list” to provide transportation for others

Visitation on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Care Connection

Volunteer with other community agencies/organizations

Share about your volunteer experiences