

**Elements of Growing Classes and Teachers:** Acts 2:47 - *And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.* - WHAT WERE THEY DOING?

**1. Daily - Pray for your Class and Members**

- a. Growing leaders will be praying leaders
- b. When God gives you his heart for his people, you will lead with the Spirit and not the self.
- c. Everything rises and falls on leadership. - John Maxwell
- d. Leadership rises and falls on prayer. - Jesse Watkins
- e. If someone has a really important need that week, let them know you are praying for them.
- f. It may take a year for your new class to grow. Are you willing to struggle and feel disappointment till it starts to grow?

**2. Weekly - Contact Absent Members**

- a. If someone is absent, please contact them that week!
- b. This is our Spiritual Family. If your child didn't show up for dinner, you would ask why.
- c. Sunday School is the main accountability element of the church
- d. People expect someone to call them if they are absent, sick, missing
- e. This happens much more easily among a small group
- f. For a children's class, this is greatly communicated with a card that says we miss you. You can keep a stock of these, and when someone is out, let the rest of the class sign it.

**3. Monthly - Invite All Prospects**

- a. It's not solely your job to assimilate new people into the class, but it is your job as a leader to remind the class that they should invite people.
- b. If you are warm and friendly, your class will be warm and friendly.
- c. If you show up late and unprepared, your class will show up late and unprepared.
- d. As you are going over prayer request time, mention new couples or individuals that fit the genre of your class.
- e. HOW CAN WE DO A BETTER JOB OF GETTING PEOPLE PLUGGED IN?

**4. Plan a Class Fellowship Quarterly (Service, Mission, Fellowship)**

- a. Your class can nominate a fellowship director. They are responsible for planning and promoting a fellowship event.
- b. The class fellowship is for MEMBERS AND PROSPECTS.
- c. It doesn't have to be called a class fellowship. It can be called a "gathering" a "party" or an "event."
- d. The odds are that if you can get someone to a class fellowship, they will become a part of your group.
- e. At the class fellowship, make an announcement about the upcoming lesson, series, or other project/event the class has going on.

Bonus Tip - Immediately find a teacher in training who can rotate once a month.

**You are not an expert on scripture, but the expert lives in you!**