



Recommended Reading - Teaching for Faith

Blair, Christine Eaton. The Art of Teaching the Bible: A Practical Guide for Adults. Louisville: Geneva Press, 2001.

- *"Proposes the "five R's" model for teaching--remembering, revisiting, reflecting, reinterpreting, and responding--and notes educational ingredients that must be intermixed in every teaching strategy."*

Bracke, John and Karen Tye. Teaching the Bible in the Church. Atlanta: Chalice Press, 2003.

- *"Combines educational theory with Bible scholarship to help teachers of the Bible move beyond conveying information to revealing the transformative power of the scripture."*

Griggs, Donald L. Teaching Today's Teachers to Teach. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003.

- *"A basic, comprehensive manual offering practical guidance that helps teachers learn the art and practice of teaching."*

Hendricks, Howard. Teaching to Change Lives: Seven Proven Ways to Make Your Teaching Come Alive. Colorado Springs: Multnomah Press, 2003.

- *"Based on seven proven, easy-to-grasp laws any teacher can apply, Howard Hendricks's classic teaching manual is a must-read for anyone who wants to teach with power and passion, excitement and excellence."*

Osmer, Richard Robert. Teaching for Faith: A Guide for Teachers of Adult Classes. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992.

- *"Offers practical suggestions for preparing good lectures and leading lively discussions. Explores four important dimensions of faith--faith as belief, as commitment, as relationship, and as mystery--and describes different teaching approaches to address each of these dimensions."*

Linhart, Terry, ed. Teaching the Next Generations: A Comprehensive Guide for Teaching Christian Formation. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2016.

- *"Champions the role of teaching as a necessary skill for ministers to develop, equipping them to work effectively for the spiritual growth of young people."*

Little, Sara. To Set One's Heart: Belief and Teaching in the Church. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1983.

- *"Provides both theory and practice, combining the insights of theology, education, and socialization. The result: an in depth examination of religious belief, teaching, and intentionality."*

Palmer, Parker. The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 2017.

- *“Speaks to the joys and pains that teachers of every sort know well. Over the last 20 years, the book has helped countless educators reignite their passion, redirect their practice, and deal with the many pressures that accompany their vital work.”*

Richards, Lawrence O. and Gary J. Bredfeldt. Creative Bible Teaching, revised and expanded. Chicago: Moody Press, 1998.

- *“Focuses on how to better understand the Bible we teach and how to unleash the transforming power of Scripture.”*

Seymour, Jack L. Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Group Bible Studies. Nashville: Abingdon press, 2015.

- *“Provides a manageable way to inspire conversation about the many ways the Bible can be taught, the purposes and outcomes of each approach, and how biblical wisdom shapes personal and corporate decision-making. Useful strategies for leading group Bible study help congregations respond faithfully to the Biblical witness and cultivate a whole congregation approach to Bible study.”*

Vogel, Linda J. Teaching and Learning in Communities of Faith: Empowering Adults Through Religious Education. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1999.

- *“Explores the growing movement toward adult religious education and draws on knowledge of the field of adult learning and development to offer strategies for teaching adults in both Christian and non-Christian settings. It emphasizes the importance of integrating religious education with real-life issues and problems.”*

Wilhoit and Leland Ryken. Effective Bible Teaching. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012.

- *“Provides readers with the knowledge and methods needed to effectively communicate the message of the Bible.”*

Wimberly, Anne E. Soul Stories: African American Christian Education, revised edition. Nashville: Abindon Press, 2005.

- *“The soul stories in this revised volume take on a cross-generational orientation with emphasis on linking stories of family identities, events, relationships, and story plot with Bible stories and exemplary Christian faith stories found in the African Diaspora.”*

All descriptions taken from introductory notes on amazon.com.