

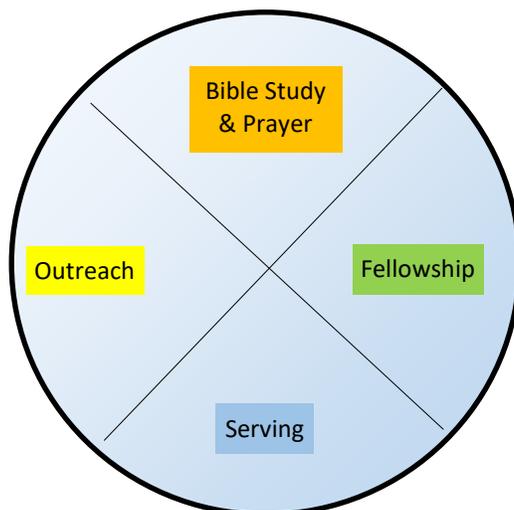
Sunday School/Small Group Workshop

Mid-State Baptist Association

What does small group health look like?

What does doing life together look like?

What is the best environment for making disciples? How did Jesus do it?

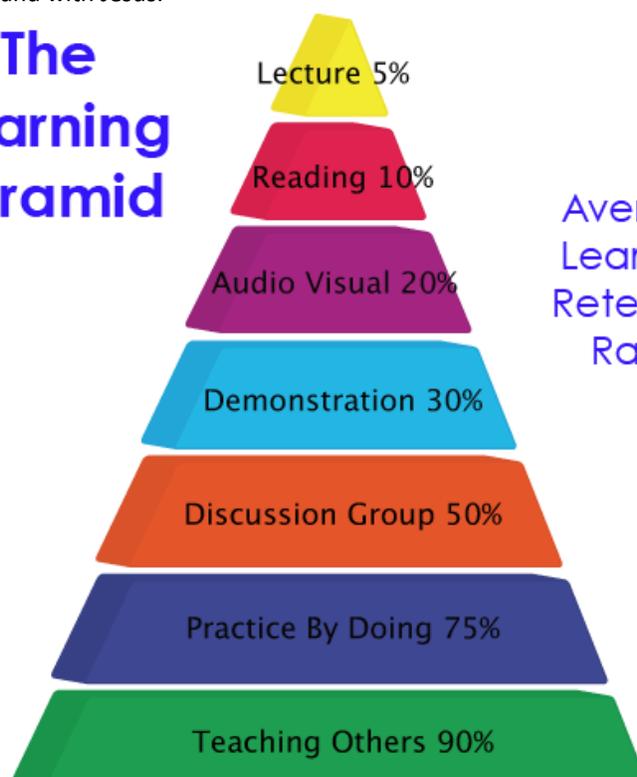


How do people learn and grow in spiritual maturity? What's the difference between listening and learning?

What are some good ways to help people develop their leadership and coach them as they do?

- What do some pastors say helped them to grow spiritually?
 - They often say that 1) *a person* was influential and 2) when they got involved in *doing*, it helped them to grow.
 - What does *doing* mean - "when I read the Bible, when I shared my testimony, when I went on a mission trip, when I prayed..."
- What does a survey of church members tell us?
 - One survey of thousands of Christians—"one of the best things that helped me grow was when I *read the Bible* for myself"
- What does the *Learning Pyramid* (below) show us?
 - The best learning methods are for someone to 1) *discuss it*, 2) *do it* and 3) *teach it*. (We need an intentional strategy in class.)
- What was Jesus' model? Mark 3:14 "He appointed twelve that they might be *with him* and that he might *send them out*"
 - They were developing a deep **friendship** with one another and with Jesus.
 - As they were with him, Jesus explained what **God's Word** said and how to live it out in the power of the Spirit.
 - They watched Jesus demonstrate **compassion** - healing, feeding, comforting, teaching, forgiving and inviting.
 - As they learned, Jesus **sent them out** to serve. They came back and talked about what they experienced. He coached them as they were learning to become **new leaders** who would turn around and repeat this process over and over with others.
- What do we know about God's heart for people who are far from Him?
 - Jesus was a friend of sinners. He came to seek and to save. He told a story about a shepherd looking for one lost sheep.
 - Rom 5:8 "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." 1John 4:9 "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us"

The Learning Pyramid



Average Learning Retention Rates

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