

BUILDING A BIBLE STUDY "ON TOPIC"

Psalm 78:1-8

QUESTIONS YOU ASKED:

Will you share some secrets on determining the needs of the audience?
How do I select a topic that others want to learn about, and apply in life?
How would I take a topic with not much information and expand it into a "nine" week series?
How do I pick a subject and not get overwhelmed when getting into the material?
How do I choose a topic?

- Observe your audience (Listen to what people struggle with)
 - Are there big issues your audience is dealing with?
 - Are there obvious erroneous beliefs or practices?
 - Are there areas of specific interest held by your audience?
- Observe your culture
 - How does your audience feel influenced from the outside culture?
Often negative / sometimes positive
- Pole your audience
 - Ask the group what they want to learn about
- Personal interest / questions
 - Perhaps you would love to know what the Bible says about a topic. Start there.

Sample topic: Parenting

Can you prepare a 9 week topical study on parenting, and be true to the Scriptures?

Group discussion

As a group, list nine possible "topical lessons" on parenting.

List your lesson ideas

How did you arrive at the 9 areas of study?

Are you confident that your lessons are biblical? (OBSERVATION)

How will you go about arriving at a "big idea" for each lesson?

How will you build an outline for each lesson?

How will you fill in the supplemental material (ie. Quotes, questions, illustrations) for each lesson?