

Ten Reasons You Should Start New Sunday School Units

- 1. Bible study groups exist to help the church enlarge the possibilities for reaching more people (Isaiah 54:1-2).**

Throughout God's Word believers are encouraged to enlarge their work, to go after new people, to reach new lands for Christ. New units help the Sunday School keep at the forefront the purpose of the Sunday School in continually reaching out and enlarging its work.

- 2. New Bible study groups create even greater focus on people that need to be reached.**

A new bible study group can be started with a small core of committed leaders, including a teacher and outreach-evangelism leader. This core group needs to see the work of the new class as an opportunity to be a part of an intentional effort to reach people for Christ through Bible study who are not being reached currently.

- 3. The creation of new units enlarges the organizational base of the Sunday School, thus enabling it to grow naturally without sacrificing quality.**

Any structure, any organization can support just a certain amount of "weight" before it implodes. Sunday Schools that do not add new units tend to get overwhelmed with the ministry to those they have already reached and give their primary focus to their current members. Sunday Schools that start new units are able to give balanced focus concentrating on reaching new people and providing effective ministry to those they have already reached.

- 4. New units grow more quickly than older established units.**

History has proven that new units grow faster than older units. Normally a class will find its greatest growth during the first two years. One reason for faster growth is that the new units have clearly established that it is trying to reach new people and understands who it is trying to reach. The leaders and participants in new classes usually give greater focus to reaching out to new people.

- 5. New units are easier for newcomers to penetrate.**

Long established relationships and long formed groups are often make it difficult for new persons to feel fully included. This often happens even though the class is very caring. New units include a variety of new

relationships and new patterns that allow new people to feel equally involved and equally important to the group.

6. New units tend to be more evangelistic.

New units tend to give greater focus to unchurched unsaved people. Leaders and members are focused on building the new unit and the purpose of the Sunday School class. These units clearly know who they are trying to reach. New units tend to be “on-mission.”

7. The creation of new units engages more people in leadership.

Every time a new unit is started there are a new set of leaders engaged in and committed to the mission of the Sunday School. New units give greater focus to the target being reached by a group of leaders.

8. The birth of new units creates excitement.

Just as the birth of a child creates excitement, the birth of a new class/new unit by a sponsoring class or by the Sunday School as a whole creates excitement. It is a blessing to watch a committed group of leaders focus on a group of people they are seeking to reach for Christ and see the Kingdom of God enlarged. The growth of a new class is exciting for everyone in the church.

9. New Bible study groups are central to training and engaging others to be strong in grace and to teach them to teach others. (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

The pattern of growth in the Sunday School should follow the pattern of 2 Timothy. Teachers in Sunday School should teach in a way that sees members mature in their faith and engage themselves in teaching others. New units provide opportunities and encouragement for believers to begin to teach and serve.

10. The Spirit of the Lord is on us to target persons who are poor, brokenhearted, captive, and mourning. As the Lord’s servants, we are to share hope, bind up those who are brokenhearted, show how those imprisoned can find release, and share the basis of comfort to all those who are mourning (Isaiah 61:1-3).

As you give focus to starting new Sunday School units you will also be giving great focus to the Scriptural focus of the work of the church and the work of the Sunday School. What a joy it is to see the Sunday School reaching out to those in is on mission to reach.