



First Baptist Church of Kingstowne

Generating Enthusiasm in the
Classroom

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Generating enthusiasm in a classroom

- ▶ Build a spirit of fellowship
- ▶ Personify enthusiasm
- ▶ Get class members involved
- ▶ Magnify people
- ▶ Use “public relations”

Adapted from *How to Teach the Bible*, Lucien Coleman, 1979

Build a spirit of fellowship

- ▶ “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”
(Acts 2:42)
- ▶ Spend good times together
- ▶ Spend bad times together
- ▶ Get together
- ▶ Pray together

“People will be more enthusiastic about the Bible they are studying when they are more enthusiastic about the people they are studying it with.”

Personify enthusiasm

- ▶ “Groups tend to take on the characteristics of their leaders” – if you aren’t enthusiastic, your students won’t be either
- ▶ Remind yourself why you are teaching
- ▶ Re-energize yourself
- ▶ Enjoy yourself
- ▶ Expect enthusiasm
- ▶ Be genuine



Get class members involved

- ▶ Involve learners in Bible study activities
- ▶ Involve members in class administration
- ▶ Involve members in class projects

“No man is lazy except in pursuit of another man’s goals.”



Magnify people

- ▶ Speak to people by name
- ▶ Recognize and affirm their contributions in class
- ▶ Value their life outside of class



Use “public relations”

- ▶ Communicate, communicate, communicate!
 - ▶ Email, phone, postcards
 - ▶ Facebook, twitter, etc.
 - ▶ Posters, cards, announcements, flyers, handouts
- ▶ Communicate about the lesson, and upcoming lessons
 - ▶ Preview of coming attractions, handouts for next week’s lesson, etc.
- ▶ Communicate about the people
 - ▶ Recognize them for their value