

Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How: Resources for Sunday School in 2017

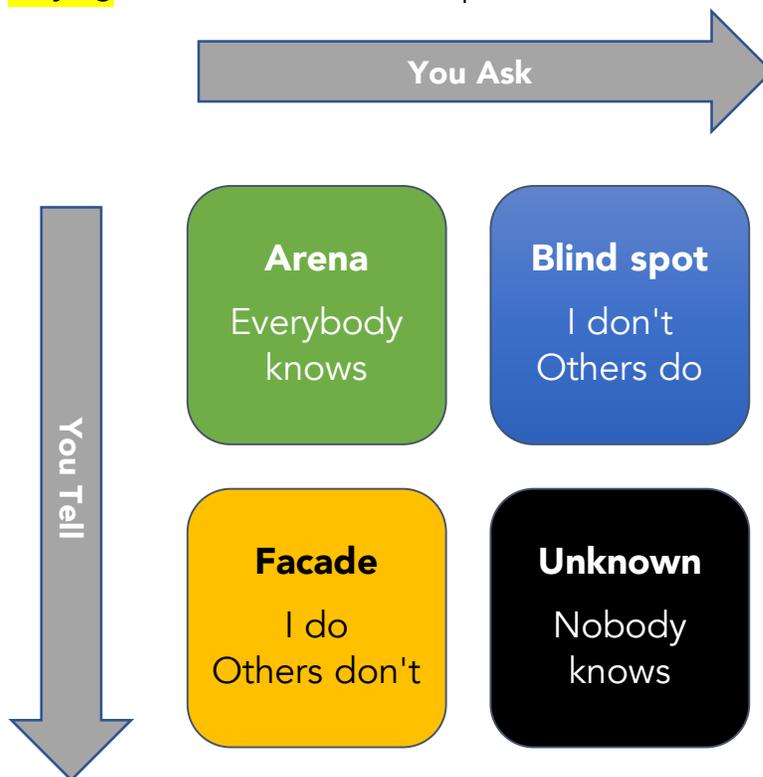
Why do we do Sunday school? (our purpose)

To fulfill the purposes of the church (specifically **instruction** (~75%), **fellowship** (~20%), and **service** (~5%)) (note: if there's something we do at church that doesn't align with the purposes, we should either stop doing that thing or adjust the purposes)

What do we do in Sunday school? (our mission)

We make disciples (the only imperative in the Great Commission) by . . .

- **Studying** the Bible (instruction) → wisdom
- **Praying** for each other (fellowship) → friends



- **Serving** each other (service) → help

Who is "we"? Anyone who wants to attend (all ages are welcome—but be aware that in 2017 we will be getting in to material requiring knowledge of anatomy and reproduction)

What do we believe in Sunday school? (our values)

- We believe in the authority, clarity, necessity, and sufficiency of Scripture.
- **1 Corinthians 14:40: Let all things be done decently and in order.**
- Learner's expectations: **McDonald's**, vision, prayer
- Teacher's expectations: **homework**

When and where do we do Sunday school? (our logistics)

Sunday mornings at 9:0**7** (except April 16, December 24, and December 31) in the Multi-Purpose Room at 1505 Cloverdale Drive, Hixson, TN 37343.

Who does what in Sunday school? (our structure)

Set up

- Justin & Karrie Harness – set up the tables and chairs
- Dave Barber – sets up the sound and recording equipment
- My kids – set up the prize table and pass out handouts

Breakfast

- Shannon Miller handles week 1
- Trisha McGarvey handles week 2
- Jessica Miller organizes breakfast and handles weeks 3 and 5
- Jessica Norris handles week 4

Teaching

- Jim Fleming leads the class and is the primary teacher
- Many others (Dave Barber, George Jackson, Amy Valovcin, Sean McGarvey) teach as needed—you'll hear from more than 10 different teachers in 2017

Praying

- Darla Skinner collects and distributes prayer requests for the weekly update and for our private Facebook group (for members only) at bit.ly/FlemingSS

Partying

- Julie Fleming plans Sunday school lunches (scheduled for January 31, April 30, July 30, October 29, and December 31)

How can we prepare for Sunday school? (our homework)

Head (orthodoxy)

Be ready to **learn**

- Rested
- Reread **Romans**
- Read resources
- Ready Bible

Hands (orthopraxy)

Be ready to **serve**

- On time
- Open eyes

Heart (orthopathy)

Be ready to **engage**

- Passion
- Participation
- Prayer
- Providing feedback

Resources for **Romans** (our helps)

The Holy Spirit

Romans (ESV)

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Resource process (aka, crowd-sourced studying)

1. Jim buys books
2. You get a free book about **Romans** and volunteer to read it in 2017
3. Each week, as we look at a specific text in **Romans**, you read the corresponding portion of your book
4. You email Jim (jim314@yahoo.com) quotes or inspirational ideas by Wednesday of each week (take a picture of the helpful text or type it out)
5. The teacher includes (some) of what you all send in the actual lesson and we all benefit

Homework

1. Ask the **Holy Spirit** for help
2. Read **Romans** (a lot)
3. Talk to someone in our class about **Romans**
4. Read your resource and email Jim (jim314@yahoo.com) helpful quotes from the resource by **Wednesday**