

What Do We Want to Study Next?

Principles for selecting the right study for your class.

Don't be like the sailboat at sea that is being "tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching" (Ephesians 4:14)

1. Question: Why does the class exist?

Principle: the Main purpose of every group should flow out of the mission and vision of the church.

2. Question: Who is in my group?

Principle: The class teacher's main function is that of a shepherd who knows his or her sheep.

- Where are people spiritually?
- In what areas do they need to grow?
- How do they learn best?

3. Question: What do you believe?

Principle: Teach what is in accord with sound doctrine (Titus 2:1)

- As you choose curriculum, be sure it leads you to study God's Word and not just someone's opinions.
- Is the curriculum helping us grow as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ?
- How is the Bible used?
- Does the curriculum encourage class members to take action to what they are learning?

4. Question: What are your class capabilities and limitations?

Principle: a class agreement can help establish some basic ground rules for Bible study selections.

- Depth of studies
- Homework
- Length of study
- Discussion, Lecture or Interactive
- Open or Closed
- Cost

5. Question: What are your own capabilities and limitations?

Principle: Know your elf. Don't get over your head.

- Functionality
- Prep Time
- Cost

- Passion