



# Summer

## SCHOOL

### WEEK 1 - LEADER GUIDE

"Becoming Teachers" - Message by Jessie Davis

#### *Start*

To get things started, go around the circle and answer this question:

**Growing up, did you have a favorite teacher? If so, what made this person so memorable to you?**

#### *Share*

Welcome to our brand new series entitled, "Summer School."

When you hear the words, "Summer School," you immediately begin to think of a place you would rather not be. There is so much to do in the summertime and school isn't necessarily on the top of most people's agenda. We would all rather be at a pool or go on a trip in the summer; not sit in a classroom.

There are seasons of life, however, where we feel like the rest of the world is on summer break and we are stuck in a classroom. There are all sorts of reasons people find themselves back in class. For some, it is because they didn't learn what they needed to learn the first time. For others, it is because they just want to graduate on time and go on to bigger and better things. Still others are actually more comfortable in the classroom instead of going out and applying what they learned.

Whatever the reason, let's dig in this series and look at what God has to say to us about the classroom of life.

**If you thought of life as a classroom, what subject or course have you had to repeat in order to graduate?**

**If you have had to repeat a lesson in life, why do you think you didn't learn it the first time?**

## *Grow*

Every class has a goal for your learning. The goal of the class is not the class. The teacher is hoping that you learn and take the knowledge and apply it in your life. Scripture says there is a goal for your training and that is for God to equip you to do good work. We do not want to just stay in the classroom, but to move on and see what God has in store for us in our day to day lives.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The New American Commentary states:

Paul outlined the result of the use of Scripture. He used “man of God” as an oblique reference to Timothy. The statement in the verse holds true of any Christian leader. The phrase “thoroughly equipped” conceals the fact that Paul used an adjective he elaborated with a participial clause. The adjective (*artios*) describes someone who is “in fit shape or condition.” The participial phrase described him as furnished completely to do whatever God called him to perform. The use of the Greek perfect tense for “equipped” suggests that this is an abiding condition. If Timothy would nurture his spiritual life in the Scriptures that he would use in his ministry, he would be fully qualified and prepared to undertake whatever tasks God put before him. What a tragedy for any Christian to be labeled as spiritually unprepared for a task when the means of instruction and preparation are readily at hand!

**Why is it important to remember who our teacher is?**

**According to the commentary, why is it essential that we are “in shape” as followers of Christ?**

**How have you seen the Word of God be useful in your life or in the lives of others?**

## *Move*

Let’s shift gears for a moment and focus on the book of Hebrews. The author of Hebrews is writing primarily to Christians or to those who have already begun to follow the teachings and ways of Jesus Christ. Within Hebrews there is encouragement, admonishment, warnings and uplifting passages on faith and courage. Let’s take a look at an important section regarding teachers and students.

**Read Hebrews 5:11-13 and Luke 6:20**

**What are your favorite basic or elementary truths that you have learned about God?**

**At some point, God encourages all of us to step out and be teachers or sharers of truth. Have you stepped out to share or teach others? If so, what has that experience been like?**

**If you have been following Christ for a while, but don't see yourself as a teacher or sharer of truth, why is that? What might be holding you back?**

**If Jesus is our teacher, what did his classroom look like? How can we follow his example?**

**Where do you think you can step out in faith and become a sharer or teacher?**

## *Pray*

As a group, spend some time praying for each other and the struggles that we all face. If you are in a co-ed group, consider breaking up into men and women's groups to talk more freely.

## *To Go.*

### **1 Corinthians 2:1**

I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For **I resolved to know nothing** while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.