

GMSAM Youth Training Ministry

Curriculum Outline

Course: Understanding Teaching Techniques

Book: Teaching Youth with Confidence, Harley Atkinson, 2001 Edition, Evangelical Training Association, Publishers

Chapter 1 The Challenge of Teaching Youth

Mobility

Knowledge and Technology

Mass Media

Ethnic Diversity

Postmodernism

Rapid Social Change

Family Breakdown

Chapter 2 Teaching with Focus

The Purpose of Youth Education

Aims and Objectives of Teaching Youth

That Youth are Brought into a Saving Relationship with Christ

That Youth Acquire a Personalized, Firsthand Faith

That Youth Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Biblical Truth

That Youth be Able to Apply Biblical Truths to Life Issues

That Youth Will Grow into Maturity in Jesus Christ

That Youth Be Equipped for Ministry and Service

Chapter 3 The Dynamic Teacher

Characteristics of the Teacher

A Close Relationship with Jesus Christ

A Heart for souls

Biblical and Theological Knowledge

Knowledge of the Learner

Teaching Ability and Expertise

Roles of the Teacher

Model

Guide

Facilitator

Motivator

Counselor

Mentor

Resource Provider

Spiritual Gift of Teaching

Chapter 4 Understanding Youths as Learners

Domains of Learning

Cognitive: Knowing and Understanding

Affective: Feelings, Attitudes and Values

Behavior: Doing

Ways of Learning

Reinforcement Learning

Learning Through Modeling and Imitation

Discovery Learning

Experiential Learning

Memory Learning

Learning Styles

Imaginative Learner

Analytic Learner

Common Sense Learner

Dynamic Learner

Chapter 5 Creating a Climate for Learning

Motivating Youth to Learn

Arouse curiosity and interest

Use reinforcement effectively

Create a warm emotional climate

Make learning relevant

Instill confidence

Satisfy expectations

Teacher-Learner Relationships

Maintain a love for youth

Listen with understanding

Know the youth

Be involved

Teacher Personality and Learning Climate

Teaching Behaviors and Positive Emotional Climate

The Physical Environment and Learning

Chapters 6, 7, 8 Knowing Your Youth Audience

Physical Development

Intellectual Development

Identity Development

Moral Development

Faith Development

Youth Culture/Subculture

Christ and Culture

Critical Issues

Family Problems

Divorce and Separation

Dysfunctional Families

Substance Use and Addiction

Alcohol

Illicit Drugs

Tobacco and Smokeless Tobacco

Eating Disorders

Teenage Sexuality (To be discussed at appropriate age levels)

Teenage Pregnancy

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Adolescent Homosexuality

Violence at School

Suicide

Chapter 9 Methods and Techniques for Teaching Youth

Categories of Methods

Teacher to Student

Lecture

Storytelling

Illustration

Demonstration

Learner to Teacher

Creative Writing

Memorization and Recitation

Two-Way Communication

Question and Answer

Class Discussion

Group Activities

Buzz Groups

Socratic Method

Case Studies

Panel Discussions

Debate

Interviews

Simulation of Activities

Drama and Role Play

Field Trips

Projects

Guidelines for Selecting and Using Methods

Chapter 10 The Value of Small Groups

Chapter 11 Preparing to Teach