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A Virtual Conference to Train Teachers in the Local Church

## IS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL DYING?

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### SESSION NOTES:

#### First Impressions

##### ○ Possible Concern

- We want guests to experience a worship service first.
- They may feel like church is boring if a lecture-style class is their first impression.

##### ○ Possible Solutions

- Create a separate space for teaching apart from the sanctuary.
- Invest in signage which clearly promotes a worship service following class.
- Invite guests to the worship service first. After their first visit, let them know about the adult class.



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## **We Don't Have Anything to Teach.**

### ○ Possible Concern

- We don't have time to write our own curriculum.

### ○ Possible Solutions

- Teach pre-produced curriculum, such as God's Word for Life.
- Since you don't have to start from a blank screen, you have more time to make the curriculum your own through deeper study and research.

## **We Don't Have Any Students.**

### ○ Possible Concern

- Adults are not interested in an adult, lecture-style Sunday school class.

### ○ Possible Solutions

- Adopt a small group format with space for discussion and dialogue.
- Even in a large group, divide the class up for discussion and interaction with the lesson.
- Poll nearby churches with thriving adult Sunday school classes for more ideas in your area.



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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:

1. What other concerns might you have about the health of adult Sunday school?
2. If adult Sunday school is dying, what can you do to help revive the value of teaching adults God's Word?
3. Whom do you know who has a healthy, thriving adult Sunday school class? What can you learn from them?



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