CD 660 YM 660 Teaching the Whole Bible to Youth and Adults

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By giving himself completely at the Cross, actually dying for you, Christ brought you over to God’s side and put your lives together, whole and holy in his presence. You don’t walk away from a gift like that! You stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust, constantly tuned in to the Message, careful not to be distracted or diverted. There is no other Message – just this one. Every creature under heaven gets this same Message.

(Colossians 1:22-23, TM)

Course Description (highlights on your journey)
This course explores the “who, what, where, how, and why?” of teaching the whole Bible to youth and adults (12 – 112 years of age). Wesleyan theology; the biblical understanding of hospitality; pertinent social science theories of education (learning preferences; gender, age, generational, cultural differences); discipleship resources; and the personal practice of lectio divina all help us effectively and faithfully communicate God’s grand narrative, revealed in both Old and New Testaments. The context for this study unfolds within small group communities.

Course Objectives (targets I aim for you to hit)
Having successfully completed this course, you should be able to:

1. Communicate a vision for the aim/purpose of teaching the whole Bible to youth and adults (the “why?” of biblical teaching).

2. Practice the discipline of Lectio Divina regularly, to understand more fully what the Bible says about itself, about teachers, students, and about the Holy Spirit as our ultimate teacher.

3. Identify criteria for effective curriculum selection for a broad spectrum of ministries, including small groups and mission team training.

4. Apply the analogy of hospitality to teaching and training, focusing on the students’ culture and the teacher’s roles (including Jesus’ example, Wesleyan theology, learning style, small group dynamics, cultural implications, and generational theories).
5. Develop a 4-week, small group intergenerational Bible study for adults.

6. Train laypeople in the local church to lead youth and adult small groups.

7. Grow closer to God through Christian community, Bible study, prayer, and creativity.

**Required Texts (reading that forms and informs)**


4. LSI Learning Style Inventory (only if you haven’t taken this instrument before)


