



Small Group Questions for Discussion:

An Approach to Christian Education

Facilitator Note:

Prepare participants to view the Call to Arms video. Use a comfortable space where you can speak together without interruption if possible. Depending on how much the group engages, this could take up to an hour.

Please feel free to add or adapt questions for your group.

•

Begin with prayer, and then spend a few minutes sharing your own personal thoughts or experiences of Christian education at your place of worship growing up and currently.

Talk about why each of you are there and what you hope to learn.

•

Play Call to Arms video with David Witthoff.

•

Respond to the Following Questions:

1. In Dave's model, he talked about analyzing four aspects: Basis, Setting, Communication, and Weaknesses. Take a moment to go through these four aspects and compile a list of possible answers for each one. Are there other aspects (think: categories) that you would include in your own model? (beyond those given)
2. How can we design a combination of Christian Education approaches that covers multiple orientations?

3. What might you do differently the next time you are teaching or developing a program for Christian Education?
4. Evaluate the different programs or ministries you grew up in or that you have in your current context and determine the orientation of each. Is there a discipleship focus you think you learned well in your development? Was a discipleship orientation missing from your development?

Take into account each of the following when determining the orientation:

What is the basis or direction (where is the content for this class coming from)?

What is the setting?

What is the communication style?

Now, what is the orientation or focus of this program?

5. Ask the group if they have any questions that they would like the group to address or discuss regarding what was shared.

•

End your time in prayer.

The Salvation Army
USA Western Territory