

You've Been Doing the Model for Awhile:

How to Renew the Energy of Your Workshop Rotation Program

So you've been doing the Workshop Rotation Model (WRM) for several years. Some of you might be wondering what happened to your vision of a vibrant Sunday School with a full list of potential teachers. Some of you never found the right connection between the curriculum and your members because you recruited instead of invited adults to participate. Some of you became a one-person show. You know this is the best model out there ~ you just can't figure out what's wrong or how to fix it.

Let's explore your reality and brainstorm ways to renew the enthusiasm for your program. In the process, we will discover ways for you to delegate, inspire, empower and transform.

What were the three most significant goals you had for moving to the WRM?

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- 3.

What has been great about your WRM program?	What needs fixing?

Keep these answers in mind. They are your guide to figuring out how to renew your program.

Chances are, you will find that the issues that impede your program's success revolve around:

1. Administration and Organization
2. Awareness
3. Casting a broader net
4. Connections to the local and worldwide church

Every conversation becomes an invitation.

Your greatest asset for success is involving more people, whether they are leaders or participants.

Conversation is the key.

Discover the talent.

Invite.

We are looking for the talent of the church to come forward to pass the faith on the next generation.

That is the refrain of every successful program in a church.

Create a database of talent

If you're doing the story of Peter and the disciples fishing after the resurrection, it would be so enhanced if you knew you had a net fisherman to demonstrate what it's like to fish in that manner. When you study Jesus' lineage, it's good to know who the genealogists are. When a lesson introduces the art of calligraphy in the art workshop, calligraphers will jump at the opportunity to share their passion.

Can you put together a handful of people from various demographics in your congregation who love to make conversation? Invite them to have conversations specifically focused on discovering what talent, hobby, business or unique story they can discover in a person. As you collect the names and the talents, think about how you can fit them into the year's curriculum.

You are no longer *recruiting*. You are *inviting* people to use their talent as a way of passing the faith onto the next generation. It's a privilege to be asked and to say "yes".

As you proceed through the next exercise, ponder **who has the talent** to best accomplish that portion of your renewal. This becomes your agenda for reviving your program.

Administration and Organization

Take a look at our [How to Get Started](#) guide to see if there are some fundamental adjustments you can make to your program. Are there foundational issues that you need to address?

What issues do I need to address?	What actions will I take?	Who will I ask to be the primary worker?
<p>Delegate responsibilities: What tasks need to be delegated?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment/Invitation <input type="checkbox"/> Supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Room preparation <input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Family/all-church events <input type="checkbox"/> Registration/Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> Other 		
<p>Be electronic and editable: The lessons are Word documents that can be edited and emailed! Cornerstones curriculum eliminates the need to print lessons and send snail mail ~ what a great time saver. <i>Print only when necessary.</i></p>		
<p>Be visible: Promote What can you do to make the congregation aware of your program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Offer a quarterly open house (with food) <input type="checkbox"/> Print Parent Letters in your church newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Perform a puppet show or drama in worship <input type="checkbox"/> Show a video that was made in class during fellowship time <input type="checkbox"/> Display an art gallery of significant projects <input type="checkbox"/> Play <i>Are You Smarter than the 5th Graders at Our Church?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Cast a broader net ~ see next page 		

Intergenerational Faith Formation

The Workshop Rotation Model works with all ages. Ponder opening a rotation to adults; there are plenty of subjects that lend themselves to spiritual growth for all. As well, there are plenty of adults would who enjoy participating in an interactive Bible Study rather than the typical discussion format. Ponder these opportunities.

What might work in your congregation?	What actions will I take?	Who will I ask to be the primary worker?
<p><u>Gospel Gourmet:</u> This is a 12-week survey of the Bible using food as the lure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Could this be a once/month meal and Bible Study? <input type="checkbox"/> Could this be a Pre-Bible 101 for adults who are intimidated by traditional Bible study? <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent and Me program <input type="checkbox"/> Could this be a summer series? 		
<p>Recreate da Vinci's Last Supper Witness to God's Presence: The Last Supper: Moved by the Spirit This is a lesson that will be interesting to everyone and they will get a picture of themselves posing in this famous picture.</p>		
<p>Word of God: How the Bible Came to Be Series Most adults don't know how the Bible came to be in the form that is currently on their shelf at home or in the pew. Run an all-church event on a Sunday after church with lunch and a rotation of workshops on the subject.</p>		
<p>Witness to God's Presence: The Lord's Prayer Series This precious prayer is waiting to be explored beyond what we have all learned by rote.</p>		
<p><u>Images of Jesus in the Arts Event</u> You can create a fascinating rotation that will stretch everyone's image of Jesus, including an art gallery garnered from old curriculum and posters.</p>		
<p>The Messiah: Handel's <i>Messiah</i> It's everywhere ~ the Hallelujah chorus even sells cranberry juice. Let's give it some integrity and study this masterpiece. Guaranteed to interest.</p>		

Connections

Go the extra step and create an opportunity to connect with your local church and your worldwide church.

Connect the Bible Story to the Church	What action will I take?	Who will be the primary worker?
Study the Early Church: See units on Paul, The Early Church, Acts and Pentecost		
Learn the history of the local church and videotape testimonials Messiah: Prince of Peace: Video Live		
Create and plant a time capsule Word of God: How the Bible Came to Be: Where in the World Is? Word of God: Church Year: Faith Today		
Create a Bible display by inviting everyone to bring a favorite Bible from home. Create a kind of scavenger hunt to see which is the oldest, which ones are non-English, which include a family tree, which include masterpieces of art, which were given as a baptismal or confirmation present.		

We hope that these ideas facilitate the renewal of your program.

Delegate

Inspire

Empower

Transform

Feel free to [contact us](#). We love to brainstorm ideas.

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