

How can I train new Christians?

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Teacher Notes

1. Teen Challenge Staff Training

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| Track: | T5 | The Teen Challenge Program |
| Topic: | 505 | Personal Studies for New Christians |
| | 506 | Group Studies for New Christians |
| Course Number: | 505.12 | How can I train new Christians? |
| | 506.02 | How can I train new Christians? |
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| Level: | 1 | |

2. Course Description:

This course is the second session to both the *Personal Studies Teacher Training* and the *Group Studies Teacher Training*. It can also be useful for the basic training of all staff working in the Teen Challenge ministry no matter what their responsibilities. It addresses the basic issues that need to be considered when teaching new Christians and the unique challenges you will face compared to those who are not new Christians.

3. Suggested teaching schedule: 1 hour

4. Materials available:

Teacher's Notes
Participant Notesheet
Participant Notesheet/Answer key
PowerPoint Presentation
Audio mp3
Video (*coming soon*)

(For more information on the latest resources available for this course, check the website: iTeenChallenge.org)

5. How this course can be used:

This course is for training current and potential leaders for Teen Challenge ministry. It can be used in a variety of settings:

1. As an individual self study course: You can read through the materials available and listen to the audio or watch the video. We encourage you to take notes on how you can relate this to your own situation.

2. Play the audio/video tape of this session for your training. Provide each one attending a copy of the Participant Notesheet. We encourage you to use the PowerPoint presentation as you listen to the tape. If you use this option, it would be best to follow with a discussion of how you can begin applying these principles in your own setting.
3. Use these resources to plan your own teaching of this course in your local ministry setting. We encourage you to provide each one with a copy of the Participant Notesheet or create your own notesheet.

6. **Background reading:**

7. **Translation of this course:** Please check the website iTeenChallenge.org to see if this course is already available in your language. We are very interested in offering this course in other languages. If you translate this course, please send a copy to Global Teen Challenge at gtc@globaltc.org
8. **Video or audio of this course:** Please check the website iTeenChallenge.org to see if a video or audio version of this course is already available in your language. We are very interested in offering this course in other languages. If you teach this course, please make a video or audio recording of the training and send a copy to Global Teen Challenge at gtc@globaltc.org or mail it to the address listed below.
9. **Request for evaluations and feedback:** Global Teen Challenge is seeking to improve the training resources it provides. Your evaluation and feedback would be most helpful to the on-going development of this course and other training resources. You can email your comments directly to gtc@globaltc.org or go to the website: iTeenChallenge.org and click on the **Contact Us** button.

Global Teen Challenge is also looking to expand the training resources for equipping leaders in Teen Challenge centers around the world. If there are other topics you would like to study, please send your ideas to the address below. If you have training materials that you would like to recommend, please send those ideas as well.

10. **Contact information**

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Websites: Teen Challenge Training resources: www.iTeenChallenge.org

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Teacher Notes—Answer Key for participant notesheet

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What is the difference between training new Christians (or potential Christians), vs. those who have been a Christian for several years?

1. Follow example of Jesus to speak to people at their level

- A. Connect with their world
- B. Their culture
- C. Their language

2. What is the background of your students?

- A. Their family background
How healthy or dysfunctional was it?
- B. Any religious background?
- C. What is the quality of their educational background?
Reading level?
- D. Effects of drug use on their learning today

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3. Teach like the Holy Spirit

- A. One who comes along side to guide us into the truth
- B. Not like a military general—makes all the decisions for those under his command

4. Our Mission

- A. The mission of Teen Challenge is to evangelize and disciple persons with life-controlling problems and initiate the discipleship process to the point where the student can function as a Christian in society, applying spiritually motivated biblical principles in relationships in the family, church, chosen vocation, and community.

B. Teen Challenge endeavors to help people become

- 1) mentally sound
- 2) emotionally balanced
- 3) socially adjusted
- 4) physically well
- 5) spiritually alive

5. **Balanced training for New Christians**

- A. Christ-like **lifestyle**
- B. Overcoming **problems**
- C. Christian **service**—ministry

6. **What is your approach to teaching?**

Is it based on the Bible?

Matthew 7:24-27

What are the two approaches identified here?

1. The one who hears but does not apply these truths—foolish

2. The one who hears and does apply these truths—wise

A Biblical approach to teaching

Step 1: **Know** the facts

Step 2: **Relate** these truths to your life

Step 3: Personal **application**. Do it!

7. **Growth is a process**

Focus on the truth and take time to be connected with each student on a personal level.

8. **Questions for discussion**

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