



# Teach Equip

TRAINING AND TOOLS FOR WOMEN BIBLE TEACHERS

**Purpose:** to equip, encourage, and train gifted and called women in becoming better teachers of God's Word

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## Distinctives:

1. **Equipping Bible Teachers:** While we hope to see women grow in their ability to speak in public and deliver engaging messages, our primary focus is to train and equip women to "rightly handle the Word of Truth." We would rather have an excellent Bible teacher who still needs growth in delivery than an excellent public speaker who struggles to handle God's word well.
2. **Not About a Platform:** We are committed to a ruthless elimination of self-promotion and stage-obsession. We believe the gift of teaching is incredibly valuable to the Church and something women need to be equipped in. But teaching on a stage is just a small percentage of how this gift is expressed. We believe women are better and healthier Bible teachers when the goal is not a platform but simply serving others in whatever ways God allows.
3. **Valuing the Local Church:** We believe the gift of teaching should be primarily cultivated and expressed in the context of the local church. It is a safeguard for teachers to have their community and pastors to guide them and keep them safe from pride, heresy, and other pitfalls. It also models for the church that these gifts are to be used for the building up of the body, not the building up of a platform. It helps deescalate the celebrity culture of Bible teachers when women see excellent Bible teaching modeled within their own church context.
4. **Generously Complementarian:** As complementarians, we believe that men and women are equal in worth and gifting but that there are some differences in their roles within the home and in the church. We strive to honor these distinctives by coaching women to use their teaching gifts appropriately within their own local church context, honoring the particular leadership there. *\*Note: holding to a complementarian position of gender roles within the church and/or home is not a requirement of this program.*
5. **Teaching In Community:** Bible teaching was never meant to be a solo sport. We believe the best expression of Bible teaching happens when we do it together, learning to rely on each others strengths and living a life of confession and repentance with others.

## Structure:

1. **Classes:** once a month instruction covering three arenas: the (1) Heart, (2) Hermeneutics, and (3) How of Biblical teaching.
  2. **Labs:** students will teach for the leadership team and fellow students and receive live feedback.
  3. **Office Hours:** Each month, the leadership team will be available during scheduled office hours to help with message preparation or any other questions or problems.
  4. **Homework:** Throughout the program, you will be required to read two books and prepare and teach 3 twenty minute messages and do 1 homework assignment per month.
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## Class Topics Include:

***The Heart of Teaching*** - finding the right motivation to teach

***Studying the Bible to Teach*** - how to effectively study a passage in preparation

***Exegesis vs. Eisegesis*** - learning to identify the author's intended meaning over your own

***Developing Your Thesis*** - making the leap from study and research to one big idea

***Crafting Your Message*** - learn to organize, trim, and fine tune your message

***Illustration and Application*** -leveraging the use of illustration and application effectively

***Teaching with a Shepherd's Heart*** - the Biblical model for shepherding in your teaching

***Message Fine Tuning***- utilizing communication tools to help your audience's engagement and retention

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## Required Reading:

[Saving Eutychus](#) by Gary Miller and Phil Campbell

[Preaching that Moves People](#) by Yancey Arrington

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## Required Prerequisites:

1. Active membership at a local church, or actively working toward membership somewhere
2. Serving in some capacity within that local church
3. Active participation in a small community group (ideally within your local church) where you can be fully known, confess sin, be prayed for, be held accountable and supported

If you do not meet one or more of these requirements, that doesn't necessarily mean you cannot participate. It does mean we would like to talk with you about those areas and understand what is keeping you from doing so.

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## Required Participation:

- Attend all but 1 class
- Prepare and teach 3 messages in lab (two passages and one topic)
- Observe 2 or more labs besides your own
- Complete all homework assignments
- Read all required reading by the end of the program

## Cost:

*These reflect our 2024 prices. Prices for 2025 may vary.*

**Non Stonegate Member \$299 | Stonegate Member \$149**

\$50 of this fee is due in December to reserve your spot.

Monthly payment plans and some scholarships will be available.

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## Teaching Passages and Topics:

During this program, you will be required to teach two passages (one Old Testament and one New Testament) and one topic. We will be assigning the passages and topics to you. We do this so that a variety of literary genres and topics will be covered throughout the program. If you would like, you can trade passages or topics with other participants, but you must teach one OT passage, one NT passage, and one topic.

### Passage Options:

1. OT Narrative - Genesis 11:1-9, Numbers 21:4-9
2. OT Psalm - 3, 110
3. Wisdom Literature - Ecclesiastes 1, Proverbs 8:22-31
4. Prophets - Isaiah 54:1-8, Malachi 1:6-14
5. Parables - Matthew 13: 44-52, Matthew 20:1-16
6. NT Narrative - Mark 6:1-6, Acts 14:8-23
7. NT Epistle - Romans 5:12-21, Hebrews 4, 1 Peter 4:7-11
8. Apocalyptic - Zechariah 3, Revelation 1:9-20, Revelation 22:6-21

### Topic Options:

1. Shame
  2. Prayer
  3. Forgiving Others
  4. Christian Community
  5. Identity
  6. Repentance
  7. Making Disciples
  8. Sabbath/Rest
  9. Solitude
  10. Spiritual Gifts
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## Leadership Team:

**Lindsay Schott** – co-creator, lead teacher

**Kelly Needham** – co-creator, lead teacher

We both check the [info@teachequip.com](mailto:info@teachequip.com) email address, so you can write to us there.

# 2024 Schedule

All times are Central Standard Times

Location: Zoom

**Class time:** Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm

**Lab times:** Sundays from 6:00-8:30 pm | Tuesday from 6:00-8:30 pm

*\*Note: You are required to attend ALL classes. But for each Lab, you are only required to attend one day, either Sunday or Tuesday, but not both.*

January 2 (Tues)	<b>Class 1 - The Heart of Teaching</b>
February 6 (Tues)	<b>Class 2 - Studying the Bible to Teach</b>
February 11 & 13 (Sun, Tues)	<b>Lab 1</b>
March 5 (Tues)	<b>Class 3 - Exegesis vs. Eisegesis</b>
March 17 & 19 (Sun, Tues)	<b>Lab 2</b>
April 2 (Tues)	<b>Class 4 - Developing Your Thesis</b>
April 14 & 16 (Sun, Tues)	<b>Lab 3</b>
May 7 (Tues)	<b>Class 5 - Crafting Your Message</b>
May 12 & 14 (Sun, Tues)	<b>Lab 4</b>
June 4 (Tues)	<b>Class 6 - Illustration and Application</b>
June 9 & 11 (Sun, Tues)	<b>Lab 5</b>
July 2 (Tues)	<b>Class 7 - Teaching with a Shepherd's Heart</b>
July 21 & 23 (Sun, Tues)	<b>Lab 6</b>
August 6 (Tues)	<b>Class 8 - Graduation</b>