

UNITS/GROUPS/CLASSES

The Bible Study ministry is the largest organization in the church. When the Bible Study ministry grows, every other organization within the church grows.

*Once a Bible Study class has been established, it reaches its maximum size in twelve to eighteen months. There is a danger after that amount of time that the class could become a **closed** group rather than remaining an **open** group. Bible study units must continually be: repositioning themselves for growth; sending out workers; discovering and accommodating new people; ministering to members and prospects; and evangelizing unsaved people.*

Be Wary When Any Of The Following Occur:

- Class members become overly attached to the teacher
- Class members become overly attached to the room
- Class members become overly attached to each other
- A class stops growing
- A class retains members instead of sending them out to serve

Ministry is the key to growing Bible Study classes. Concentrate on the small-teaching-unit concept. In terms of both numbers and relationships, smaller classes grow faster than larger classes. An acceptable class enrollment for adults is twenty-five. The ideal size for attendance is twelve to eighteen adults.

Potential Classes To Start:

- Classes for un-enrolled Church members
- Classes for college students away
- Telephone classes for homebound persons
- Week-day classes for week-end employees
- Pastor's class for newcomers, new members and seekers
- Cradle Roll class for unborn babies and their moms
- Internet classes
- Single moms
- Special needs children or adults

"When properly supported, a new teaching unit will produce twenty-three new enrollees in twelve months."

**Current Number
of Units:**

Formula Goal:

*One unit/class
for every 20 people
enrolled in
Bible Study*

Evaluation:

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