

Vision and Principles for McDermott Road's Adult Education

1. Adult Education is one of the ministries under the "Transformational Growth Pillar," which has the following vision:

God has a strong desire for us to know Him better, to gain wisdom and to understand His will and His way. McDermott Road designs opportunities of biblical, Christ-centered teaching to aid everyone in their spiritual growth. Through Bible classes, small groups and other teaching opportunities we listen, learn and apply biblical truths which continually transforms us into His image.

2. McDermott Road offers two primary Bible class times for adults:

- Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
- Wednesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

3. During our primary Bible class times, all classes strive to meet the following standards:

- Training and resources have been given to all teachers to help them effectively communicate biblical truth with clarity, conviction, and compassion.
- Guest speakers have been invited by either the elders or ministers.
- All teachers have affirmed their agreement with basic Christian doctrines about God, Scripture, and Christian living ("Teacher/Speaker Statement of Faith & Practice").
- The elders have had the opportunity to review the schedule, curriculum, and any pre-recorded video content that is being used.
- Reading and studying Scripture takes priority. In addition to activities such as discussion, prayer, and singing, at least 1/3 of the class time (15 minutes) is spent on Bible study.
- Whether studying from the Old or New Testament, every effort is made to understand how the biblical text relates to Christ and to His followers.
- While there are times when we must teach about controversial topics, classes are conducted "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3).

4. Additional small group studies are also made available, with the intention of complementing and supplementing our primary Bible classes.