

TEACHING PEOPLE

An Introduction to Adult Sunday School: Part 2 of 3

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4. Sunday School offers the two things every person needs to be disciplined.
 - Instruction – The Word of God
 - Individuals – The People of God
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7. To disciple people biblically we must teach:

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-John 14:6

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