

Flake's Formula

5-Steps for Growing the Sunday School

STEP 1: Know your POSSIBILITIES

- WINDSHIELD survey
- DEMOGRAPHIC data
- GAPS in your current organization

STEP 2: ENLARGE the organization

- This is a "PAPER and PEN" exercise
- DREAM big...let your possibilities fuel your thinking

Remember the lesson at 2 Kings 4:1-7

1. To have more oil, they had to Increase the number of CONTAINERS (v.3)
2. GOD filled the containers (vv.5-6)
3. EVERYONE needed to be involved (v.3)
4. The containers only held SO MUCH (v.4)
5. A CATALYST was needed (v.3)
6. When containers ran out, the oil STOPPED FLOWING (v.6)

Step 3: ENLIST and TRAIN workers

STEP 4: Provide SPACE

STEP 5: GO AFTER the PEOPLE

"The first four steps are the necessary preparation for growth. Actual growth is a result of going after the people who are the prospects" – Fuel the Fire, p. 94