

# Reaching In & Out through Sunday School

## What is Sunday School?

Sunday School is the foundational \_\_\_\_\_ in a local church for building on-mission Christians through \_\_\_\_\_ Bible study groups that \_\_\_\_\_ people in evangelism, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, and worship.

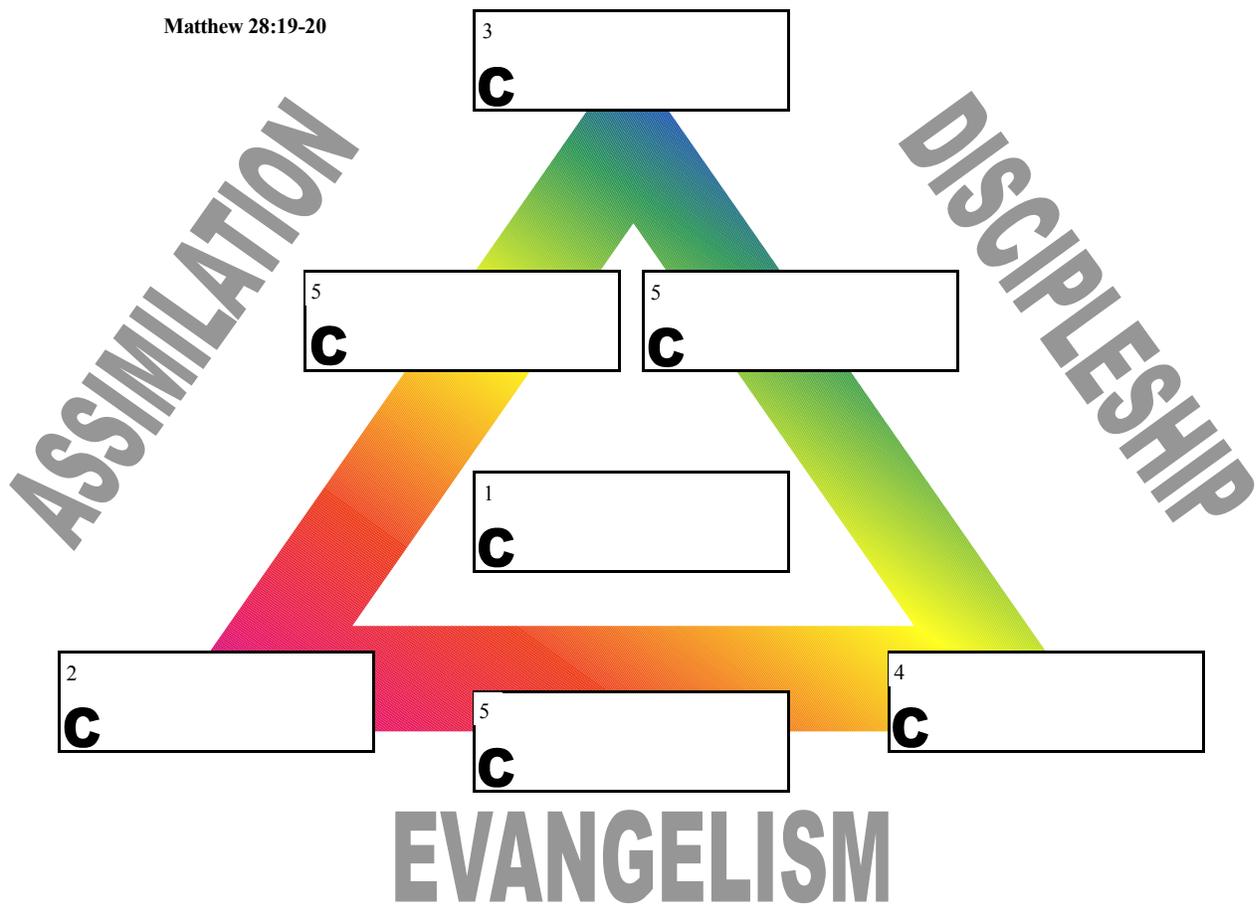
In *Revitalizing the Sunday Morning Dinosaur*, Ken Hemphill discusses the Great Commission as a 3-part process.

*make disciples* = **evangelism** – continual process of helping others begin a new life with Jesus and join His family

*baptize them* = **assimilation** – continual process of helping family members fit in and take on responsibilities

*teach them* = **discipleship** – continual process of helping family members adopt our values and share them with others

The following model pictures the church strategy for the Great Commission Process and the Five Functions.



## Why should I REACH members and prospects?

God wants to use me to help *change*...

	Non-Believers		Believers	
<b>C</b> _____	nonbelievers to consider Jesus.	<i>Paul replied, "Short time or long--I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am..." Acts 26:29</i>	believers to share Jesus.	<i>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8</i>
<b>H</b> _____	nonbelievers understand God's plan.	<i>He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household." Acts 16:30-31</i>	believers learn to share God's plan.	<i>"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19</i>
<b>A</b> _____	nonbelievers to join God's family.	<i>Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find. Matthew 22:9</i>	believers to tell others.	<i>How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Romans 10:14</i>
<b>N</b> _____	nonbelievers in your life.	<i>The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah." John 1:41</i>	believers who are sharing and affirm them.	<i>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now... Philipians 1:4-5</i>
<b>G</b> _____	nonbelievers to believe Christ.	<i>Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. Acts 8:30-35</i>	believers to practice sharing.	<i>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. Luke 10:1</i>
<b>E</b> _____	new believers to grow in Christ.	<i>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42</i>	believers to build relationships with lost persons.	<i>All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" Luke 19:7</i>

**Unreached People**

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**Inactive Members**

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***How do I REACH members and prospects?***

<b>R</b> _____ the need.	Who is not involved? Why are they not involved?
<b>E</b> _____ a plan.	What are we going to do? How are we going to do it?
<b>A</b> _____ responsibilities.	Who is going to do what? How do we maintain accountability?
<b>C</b> _____ to do it.	Make a covenant with God and the group. Get the training you need.
<b>H</b> _____ God; Keep the commitment.	Do it! Do it consistently!

**IN** – Reach those already in the group.

**OUT** – Reach those outside the group who should be in it.

***EVANGELISTIC STYLES***

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**My Job**

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