

An excerpt from the introduction to help you get a feel for what the book is about:

INTRODUCTION

Understanding Triangular Teaching

Welcome to the wonderful and exciting world of meta-cognition or learning about learning!

As Christian educators we are aware that:

1. biblical illiteracy is increasingly common in our churches.
2. adults across age levels are hungering for God's word.
3. many adult leaders teach in the very same ways they were taught
4. the only constant today is change
5. the church needs to find more interesting and challenging ways to present God's word to adults

How do we as teachers and leaders in Christian education address such issues? How can we best engage adult learners with the Bible? **Triangular Teaching** is a multidisciplinary approach that is one right answer to these pressing issues. I believe Triangular Teaching, an integration of the teaching techniques that emerge from our knowledge of creative and critical thinking, multiple intelligence theory, and brain research, opens doors for teachers and learners.

Often we go through life with a mental *scotoma*. A scotoma is a blind or dark spot in our visual field. We become so used to what we "see" that we miss the hidden details and beauty around us. I believe we often develop a mental scotoma that works with biblical study as well. We read scripture and often our former associations blind us to the deeper meaning and wisdom of what lies before us, waiting for our Ah-has and discoveries. My mission for this book is to remove the blind spots and to lead teachers and learners to discoveries of how scripture speaks to us every day and has the power to transform our lives.

The information about Triangular Teaching will help you to understand the reasons behind transformational teaching/learning experiences that engage adult learners. When we understand the reasons behind teaching techniques, we can be intentional about how we teach. We will also find that a greater number of our learners will become engaged with the scriptures. We will discover that we have presented activities and materials in ways that help them "to see" through the mental scotomas about the Bible.

Triangular Teaching includes concepts from:

Creative and Critical Thinking – the biblical story expands exponentially as we explore

it from the realms of our God given creativity and apply our critical thinking skills to delve into deeper meaning, understanding, life application and faith .

Brain Research – we are beginning to know how the brain learns – when we use this information to the fullest, learning increases exponentially.

Multiple Intelligence Theory - We know in the world of education that each person is uniquely created by God with different gifts, interests and abilities. While we acknowledge this as fact, we often overlook it in our “regular” class sessions. In this adventure in Bible study, we recognize and honor each participants learning profile. Each person is born with the ability to learn through many different intelligences.

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