



BWCE Objectives

Fellow Christians,

The rise of the cults in our generation is directly related to the church's failure to make doctrine a high priority. In the last 20 years, over 3000 cults have been organized in America. The effects of this "new religious movement" have penetrated the media, the business world, our school systems, the family, and the slumbering church. It is time to open our eyes and see that we are under attack. Now is the time to expand our horizons and recognize the cults, not only as a mission field, but as a fierce destroyer of truth.

It is evident that the next few years will be a critical time for Christian leaders to react. The church must have a strategy that will counter this fast-growing movement or face the consequences of further loss of recognition and strength in our society. The important task of BWCE must be seen as a united effort by the true church of Jesus Christ. The war against the cults cannot be won by one-man ministries scattered across our land. Each church must take its place in the front lines and equip itself with readiness and the presence of God's power.

How is it possible to see the need in your own church? You can begin by asking yourself this question: "In my personal evangelism, how many cult members have come to know the Lord as a result of my witnessing to them?" The response, in the most cases, is none.

Brethren, that ought to tell us that something is wrong. Because of this, the cults are growing by leaps and bounds. Mormons claim to have a membership of more than 11 million followers with some 55,000 or more active young people serving two years as missionaries. JWs have over 4,000,000 active members engaged in door-to-door recruiting. Brethren, it's time to wake up and face the facts that we are lagging behind and our home front is under attack. If the Lord is raising up ministries to reach these people, don't you want to become involved? If so, we ask you to please pray and allow us the privilege of helping you reach souls for Christ through the ministry of BWCE.

The objectives of BWCE are basic and biblical. They consist of research, instruction, evangelism, and church planting. The principles used to reach the cult victims were taught by the Lord Himself. They may be defined as such: The False Foundation Principle (Matt. 7:24-27) and The Restoration Principle (2 Tim. 2:24-26). These principles are expounded and applied in the book *Evangelizing JWs*, and they can be used for any cult system.

Those of you who are interested in putting these Bible principles to work will not be disappointed. You will enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you have done something positive and powerful to reach people who have been unreached.

One of the reasons that so many Baptists are being proselyted by JWs and Mormons is that church members today no longer have a working knowledge of what they believe. Instead, people in our churches only have a general knowledge and cannot articulate to a JW or a Mormon from Scripture the verses that would vindicate their belief in One God who is Triune or any of the other nine major doctrines (with five sub-points for each) that are taught in the Bible. Just ask anyone sitting in a church pew to name the 10 Commandments in order or the seven pieces of armor one

needs to stand and how they are to be used, or ask someone in leadership to give the 16 qualifications of a bishop (10 musts and 6 must-nots) or list the six ways leaders are to be an example of the believer; ask someone to enumerate the 16 points of what charity does and the seven warnings if one fails to have charity; ask someone the seven things one should add to his faith that will enable him to never fall ask, and see what kind of answers you get. The church is drastically failing in the area of discipleship, and because people only have a general knowledge of what they believe, they have become easy prey for the cults. Our desire is to change our Sunday school classes from listening centers to learning centers. **By God's grace and with your help, we can do it. Let's get started now!**

How Can We Correct The Problem?

To create a learning center, one must understand that speaking is not teaching and listening is not learning. In every teaching and learning environment at least three conditions must exist:

1. Accountability= One must remember/retain the information.
2. A sense of need= One must see the benefit that will result.
3. Application= One must use what he/she has learned or it will be lost.

Part of the Great Commission is the church's responsibility to equip the people who are saved to do the "work of the ministry." One example of how this may be done is given in Eph 6:10-11:

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

The first piece of armor is that **one's loins** must be girded with truth. How many people in the pews who have been in Sunday school for 20 years or more could write the 10 basic doctrines of the Christian faith with five sub-points? One of the main words in the pictorial epistles is "**doctrine.**" **Knowing sound biblical doctrine** is a necessary part of what is required to enable a Christian to stand against the *wiles of the devil*. So why is it true that if one were to ask people sitting in the pews to write the doctrines with sub-points, they could not do it? The answer is that **they have not been equipped to do the "work of the ministry."** **Just think of how much more** productive the church could be if members were really taught (that means they really learned) **their "spiritual a-b-c's"** and they knew how to form those spiritual letters into words and then use them in sentences. **Isn't teaching and I mean teaching** that results in learning a significant part of what is commanded in these verses we so often quote?

Matt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

If you would like help in transforming your Sunday school class rooms from listening centers into learning centers, we would be willing to assist you in getting started. You will find that people really do want to be taught and they will love you for teaching them how to articulate what they believe. **The sign on every teacher's door should say: This is a learning center, welcome!**