






EPISODE 5



STRATEGIES FOR HANDLING UNEXPECTED LESSON DERAILMENTS

This episode is all about what to do when your lesson takes an unexpected turn. It's happened to all of us, right? You have a perfectly planned lesson, but then someone throws a curveball and derails the whole thing. Fear not, because we've got you covered with some great tips and insights to handle those detours like a pro!

5 KEY TAKEAWAYS

-  The ABC approach to acknowledging comments and keeping the conversation flowing smoothly.
-  How to ask the right questions to gain clarity and decrease confusion in discussions.
-  Why finding simplicity on the far side of complexity is key to guiding class discussions effectively.
-  The importance of stirring the pot to bring in different perspectives and elevate the conversation.
-  The value of seeking the spirit and connecting with others through genuine questions.

REMEMBER

There's no specific "right way" to bear a testimony. Testimonies are meant to be raw, sincere, and unique to each individual's experience. So, remember, there's no need to conform to a rigid formula. Just speak from the heart!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you effectively acknowledge and respond to comments made by others in a discussion?
2. How can asking questions help you understand and address confusing comments in a conversation?
3. What are the different ways to acknowledge someone's contribution without further discussion?
4. How can you apply the ABC process (acknowledge, build, connect) in guiding a class discussion?
5. What does it mean to ask yourself the right question in order to shift your perspective when things are derailed?
6. Share an example of a time when you struggled with feeling irritated when your lesson was derailed. How did you handle it?
7. Why is engagement and responding to someone's conversation so important in maintaining the spirit of a discussion?
8. How can you effectively acknowledge and respond to someone's response without simply agreeing or saying "that's true"?
9. In what ways do you think criticism can be constructive and helpful, rather than negative and unhelpful?
10. How do you ensure that you stay focused on the purpose and meaning behind your work when discussions don't go as planned?

INVITATION

Everyone gets derailed when teaching. Share this episode with others to help them through the tough derailment moments.

WRAP UP

As always, our aim is to inspire and empower you on your gospel teaching journey. So, make sure to watch the video or listen to the podcast and gain some valuable insights! And don't forget, we love hearing from you. Let us know your thoughts and experiences with derailing lessons.

-Kevin Jones & Julie Hillyard

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