

How I Use the iPad To Prepare To Teach Sunday School

Research and Prep:

I use EVERNOTE which is both an APP and a FREE online service. Evernote is basically a digital notebook system. You can enter information online or via your iPhone/iPad on the go. It will receive any kind of document and you can email into it.

The genius of this program/APP is that you can record or note a thought and then search for it by any word. You can even shoot a photo of a handwritten note with your iPhone.

<http://www.evernote.com/>

I had been using Evernote for quite a while, when I came across this article from Preaching Magazine that was helpful too: <http://www.preaching.com/resources/articles/11635421/>

Sources/References:

Though I still use paper and leather books aplenty, I'm using more and more digital apps. There are many commentaries on Kindle e-book format and I've begun to collect them. The beauty of Kindle books is that all your highlights are placed on your own personal Amazon Kindle website as you go. When you're ready, you can cut and paste quotes into your notes from there.

I have access to several online Bibles both as APPs and online.

Our company's www.biblestudytools.com is a great source. There's also now an app: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/free-bible-study-tools/id396906089?mt=8>

Another great online source (a site not an APP) is www.preceptaustin.org which is searchable and provides wonderful teaching research material.

Another site is <http://biblos.com/>

www.blueletterbible.org is also both a site and an APP

Composition of Notes:

I compose in the iPad PAGES app using a Bluetooth keyboard. I actually type faster than I can write so composing in a word processing document works well for me to write; re-write; and rearrange points or illustrations. I do two copies, one in regular font size for our website and the other I enlarge the font for my teaching to 18 POINT size. See below for how I get the document ready for teaching.

Final Product:

I teach from the Goodreader APP on the iPad, flipping the pages just like a paper book. Goodreader is basically a filing cabinet for the iPad that receives almost any kind of file. The beauty for this application is that I can mark up; annotate; highlight; draw boxes around; or make notes on a PDF file for my teaching. I just email the file to myself from PAGES as a PDF (Pages allows you to email AS A PDF...so it does the conversion).

Then when I get the email on the iPad, I click and hold the attachment and it allows me to OPEN IN Goodreader.

Below is an example of a page with my notes:

But as Christians, we're called to BE DIFFERENT.

"God loves us as we are, but he loves us too much to leave us that way." - Anonymous

We don't know who came up with that quote, but we hear Pastor Johnny cite it from time to time.

Put another way, when you and I become a believer in Christ, the **change** in our hearts **should be evident** to all around us. As the **title** of today's lesson says, we should **"BE DIFFERENT"** from who we **USED TO BE** and from the **UNSAVED** world around us.

Here's a **"warm up"** question: In what ways does your relationship with God, through faith in Christ, translate into a distinctive lifestyle? (In terms of **both attitude and actions**).

(Discussion)

Examples: How do I **respond** when I am **provoked** or **mistreated**? What about my **wants** and **desires**? (T.W. Hunt - "God **changed** my **wanter**") What about my **conduct, speech, habit**?

We serve a DISTINCTIVE GOD, so we should LIVE A DISTINCTIVE LIFE.
