

**My Lesson Prep Process...
Not the "Correct" Way,
Just What I Do
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**Everyone Has Their
Own Prep Process**

Lesson Prep: I've Learned From Others

- Alistair Begg summarizes his sermon prep process...
- Think yourself empty
- Read yourself full
- Write yourself clear
- Pray yourself hot!

Lesson Prep: I've Learned From Others

- Chuck Swindoll...three simple questions to ask of the text:
- What does it say?
- What does it mean?
- How does it work?

Lesson Prep: My Process - Step 1

- I start WITHOUT commentaries
- I start early in the week
- I put it in THE CROCKPOT
- The Holy Spirit "simmers" the lesson
- Sometimes great ideas just SHOW UP

Lesson Prep: My Process - Step 2

- Where is EXPLORE THE BIBLE going?
- Why I LIKE Lifeway's EXPLORE THE BIBLE
- Don't feel SHACKLED
- When they survey TOO MUCH

Lesson Prep: My Process - Step 3

- What's the BIG IDEA?
- I call it the TAKEAWAY...my ending
- Repetition builds learning
- Begin -- Reset -- Conclude

Lesson Prep: My Process - Step 4

- A TON of reading
- Are my conclusions sound?
- Other scripture?
- Trusted Sources? Whom CAN we trust?

Lesson Prep: My Process - Step 5

- I start **WRITING** the lesson
- Outline or manuscript? It's personal.
- Hearing it in my head
- Developing points via social media
- How much to prepare?

Lesson Prep: My Process - Step 5

- Elements to include:
- Discussion Questions
- Quotations
- Cross References
- Illustrations
- Meat (scripture) vs Spices and Sides

Lesson Prep: My Process - Step 5

- I publish the notes for the class
- Via email and on our website
- Almost **OPEN BOOK**, not totally
- I include key scripture verses
- Why I **STILL** read from my Bible too

Lesson Prep: Marked Up Notes



Lesson Prep Final Thoughts

- **WINGING** it is for the birds...always come prepared.
- Control the **FLOW** of class time.
- What about the Holy Spirit's leading?

Lesson Prep Full Handouts ONLINE

- www.powersundayschool.com
- My Lesson Prep Process
- Killing Crickets (Discussion Questions)
- How I use an iPad to Prepare Lessons