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## TEACHER

One who unlocks truth for others.

### You might be a TEACHER if you...

- Love experiences where you get to learn
- Are curious, ask a lot of questions and love understanding how things work
- Own a lot of books and can't get to them all
- Get excited about the truth and want that it to be transformative in people's lives
- Love inspiring quotations
- Get jazzed around the question, 'what are you learning?'
- Enjoy assignments
- Cherish clarity
- Dig researching things
- Re-write someone else's talk in your head
- Go to Dictionary.com or Bible Gateway like some do Candy Crush
- Play Scrabble or other word games because words are a big deal to you
- Think in metaphors and constantly translate things for others, often saying things like, '*It's like...*' or '*Think of it this way...*'
- Have a unique ability to take a large volume of information and organize it in a way that people can understand

### TEACHERS might enjoy a job or opportunities in...

- Education, science, philosophy, history, publishing, engineering, parenting, coaching or any field where you get to learn and explain to others

### Some key contributions you bring to the Body of Christ include...

- You call, encourage, instruct and help folks to change
- You offer wisdom and guidance
- You provide unbelievers a tenable, intellectually grounded reason for your faith
- You share what you are learning in your own life, which can be a catalyst for others to change
- You help folks get unstuck in their faith
- As parents and grandparents, you can age-appropriately teach your kids and grandkids
- You teach others in a way that ignites transformation in any setting
- You take advantage of teachable moments with others

## Ways you get stuck or frustrated/Traps you can fall into are...

- You can think that you are always right and not be open to learning from others.
- You may accumulate a lot of head knowledge but not apply it to your own life.
- You might over-talk about what you are learning.
- You can confuse a great talk for life change.
- In your personal life, confuse 'learning something' for actually 'doing something.'
- You can rely upon your intellect (rather than the authority that comes from Scripture and the Holy Spirit) to impress people.

## Places in the Bible where we see this role in Jesus/others are...

- **Matthew 5-7** – Jesus, preaching the Sermon on the Mount
- **Acts 18** – Priscilla, teaching Apollos 'the way of God more adequately'
- **Acts 2:14-39** – Peter, preaching on the Day of Pentecost
- **Acts 17** – Paul, addressing people in Athens

## Some ways you can more fully step into your kingdom role...

- Engage in learning whenever you can – listen to sermons, podcasts, studying scripture, read, go to conferences, take a class, etc.
- Make learning a priority in your schedule.
- Teach kids at Heartland. (Contact Liz at [lizm@heartlandchurch.org](mailto:lizm@heartlandchurch.org) to take a tour and find out how easy it can be!)
- Start a Journey Community in your neighborhood or lead a table at Heartland.
- Join 'The Journey' writers team.
- Volunteer in your kid's classroom at school (or homeschool).
- Intentionally mentor, disciple, or develop one other person.
- Offer to teach others about an area of passion (for example: gardening, cooking, fixing a car, home improvement, woodworking...).
- Blog or write about what God is teaching you and share that with others.
- Invest in Bible commentaries.
- Facilitate a book study.
- Pursue deep conversations with folks around the questions 'What is God saying to you?' and 'What are you doing about it?'

## Additional Resources (books, articles, blogs, opportunities)

- Read [Building a Discipling Culture](#) by Mike Breen
- Read [Knowing Your Role in Life](#) by Mike Breen with Paddy Mallon

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## Teacher Primer

Explore with us how to offer life-changing truth, right where you are.

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