

Isaac Wardell - Teaching LMS in your congregation

- I. Beatitude exercise
 - A. (in the curriculum)
- II. Five different ways that we as communities talk to one another
 - A. Assertions
 1. E.g. How can I be saved?
 - a. Believe he died, rose again, etc.
 - B. Rules
 1. E.g. How can I be saved?
 - a. If you believe, you go to heaven. If you don't you go to hell.
 - b. (This is something that you have to deal with.)
 - C. Reason/Rationality
 1. E.g. How can I be saved?
 - a. Imagine that you have broken the law and that the judge says that because you've broken the law...etc.
 - b. (Appeal to the common ground.)
 - D. Personal conviction
 1. E.g. How can I be saved?
 - a. I don't know much about theology, but I know that Jesus came into my life and saved me.
 - E. Blessings
 1. E.g. How can I be saved?
 - a. Pronouncing a blessing.
 - b. Bible says that God so loves you, that...
- III. Evaluation of these
 - A. Jesus used all these different kinds of communication.
 - B. There is wisdom in thinking through these paradigms for any one communicative moment.
 - C. It is easy for us to dismiss one of these when we hear people speaking out of a different communicative mode.
 - D. We have to be honest about ourselves; most of us have ways that we gravitate toward.
 - E. We're never going to make progress if we never really enter into the congregation and care about what the other person thinks.
 - F. Are there contexts where, across generational lines, people are talking about this?
 - G. Ask worship questions that aren't only about ideas but relationships.