

## THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW

The longer I've been in ministry, the more I realize that we are surrounded by people who have spent years, maybe decades, in church who have only been disciplined in tiny increments.

Adding those nominally disciplined disciples to a crowd with people exploring the claims of the Bible for the first time in their lives, it is important that you remember that most people simply don't know what you know. That's why you get the microphone.

When you give a Bible reference, don't assume people know where to find it. Tell them where it is. Encourage them to use a Bible app if they don't have an actual Bible. We'll help them get either if they want them.

When making references to Bible stories, parables, famous Bible people or even famous Bible verses, imagine the lowest common denominator in the room and work up from there.

I would rather take the time to over explain something that may seem obvious than to lose a connection with a person who doesn't know the story of Moses or have any idea what John 3:16 says.

The people who learn something new will be thankful that you took the time to teach them. Those who already knew it should be thankful that you took the time to explain it so their unchurched friend could keep up.