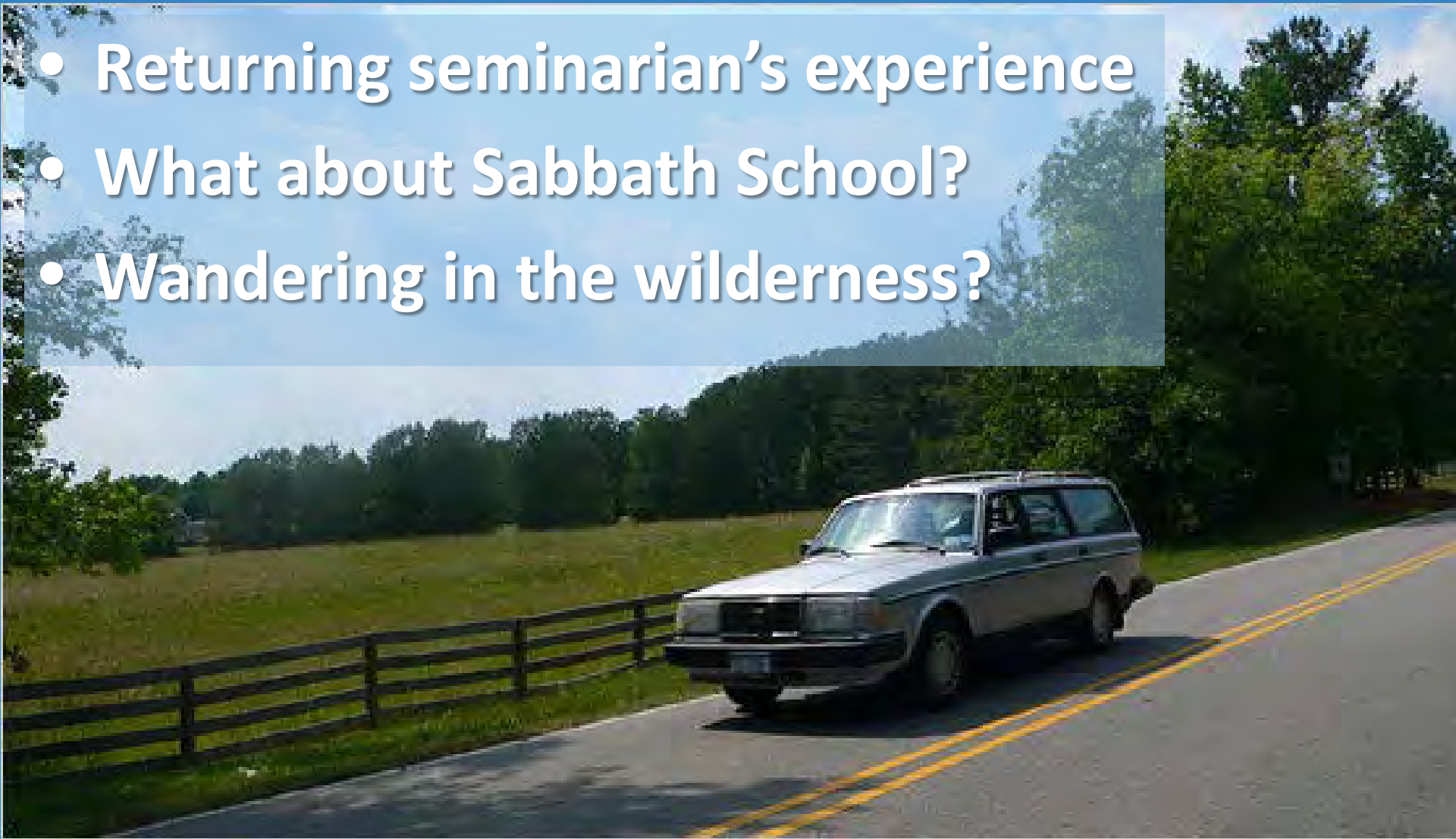


The Four Goals of Sabbath School



When you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there!

- **Returning seminarian's experience**
- **What about Sabbath School?**
- **Wandering in the wilderness?**

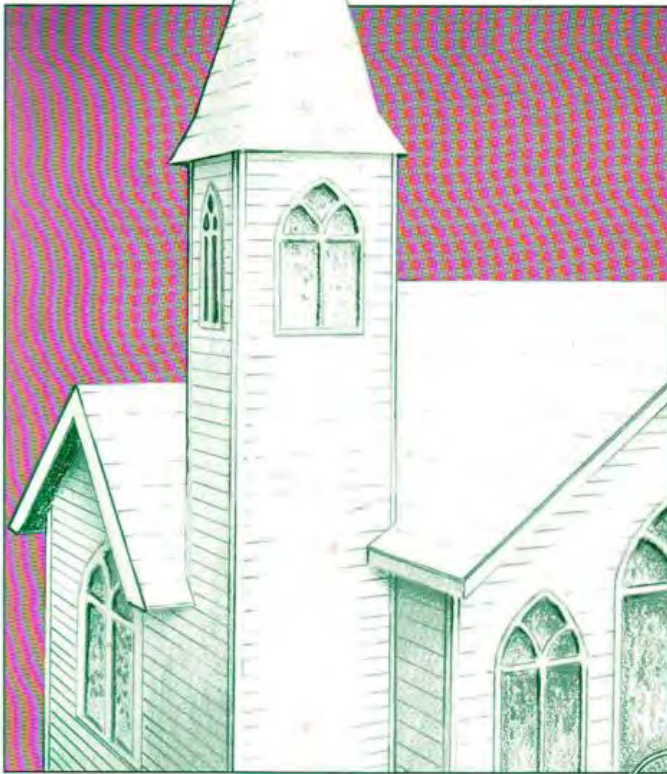


Sabbath School needs four goals!

- Fellowship
- Outreach
- Learning
- Application



Sabbath School REVITALIZATION



Adult/Youth
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First goal,
Fellowship

- PUC's survey found the main reason members didn't attend Sabbath School was lack of fellowship.

Fellowship isn't optional!

- “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine, **fellowship**, in the breaking of bread, and prayers.” Acts 2:42





Fellowship isn't optional!

- “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34,35

Fellowship isn't optional!

- “Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Gal 6:2



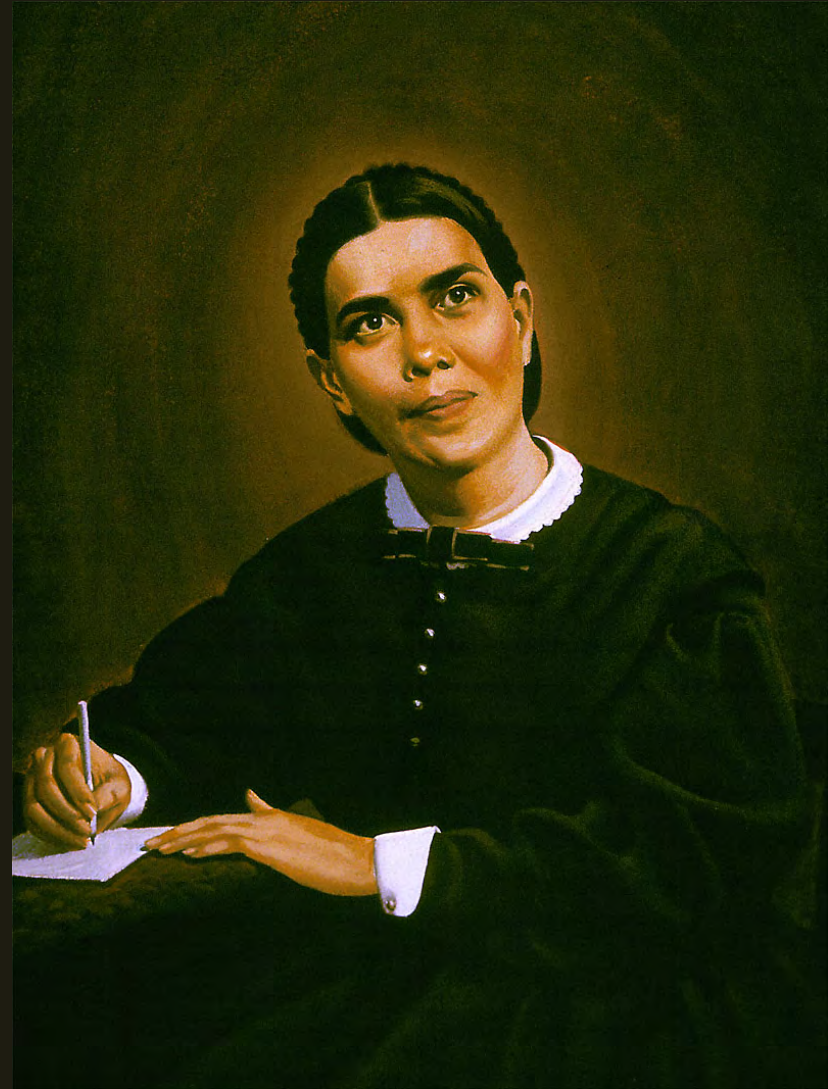
Fellowship isn't optional!

- “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Phil 2:4



**“No matter how high
the profession, he
whose heart is not filled
with love for God and
his fellow men is not a
true disciple of Christ.”**

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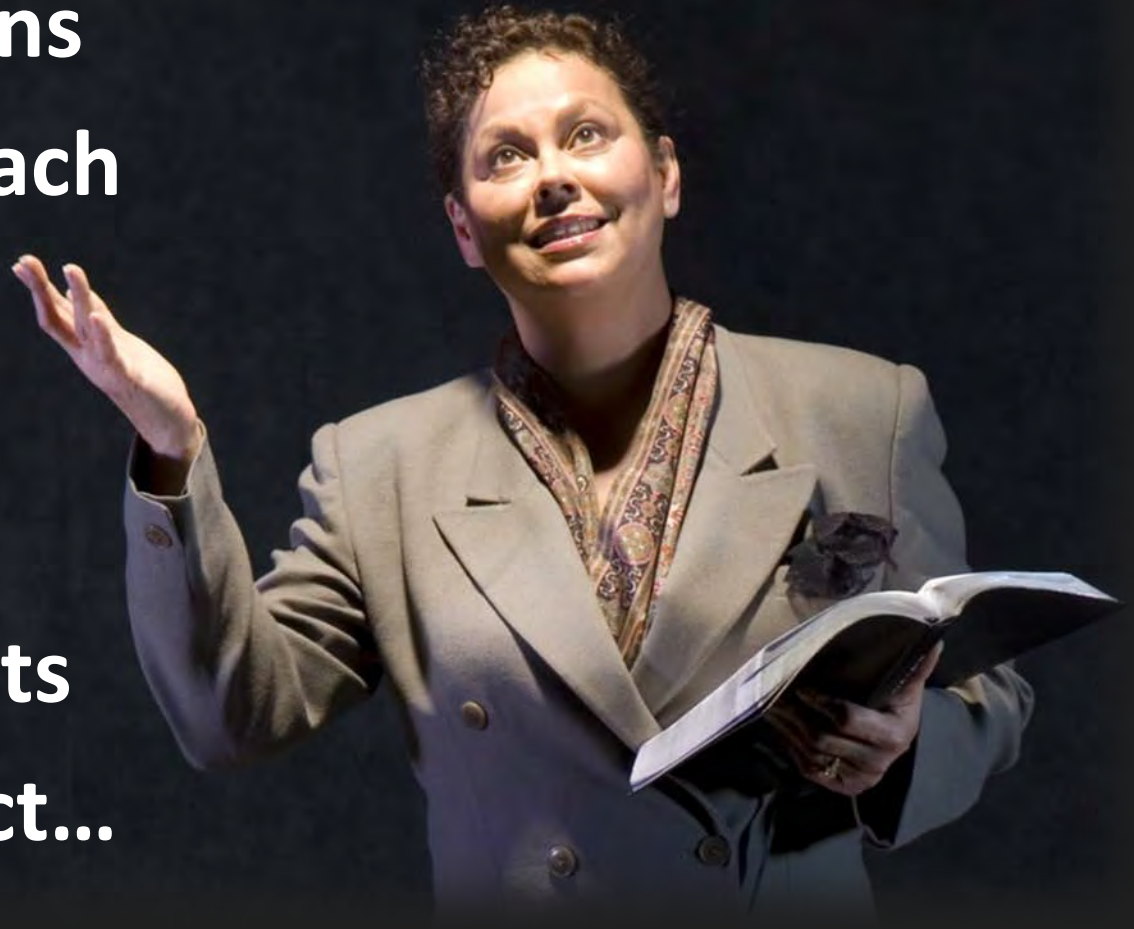
Fellowship must happen -



- At the ***beginning*** of Sabbath School,
- ***during*** Sabbath School,
- and at the ***end*** of Sabbath School

Practical suggestions:

- Praise & petitions
- Acknowledge each attendee
- Encourage discussion
- Affirm comments
- Who will contact...





**The
second
goal of
Sabbath
School is -**

- Outreach**



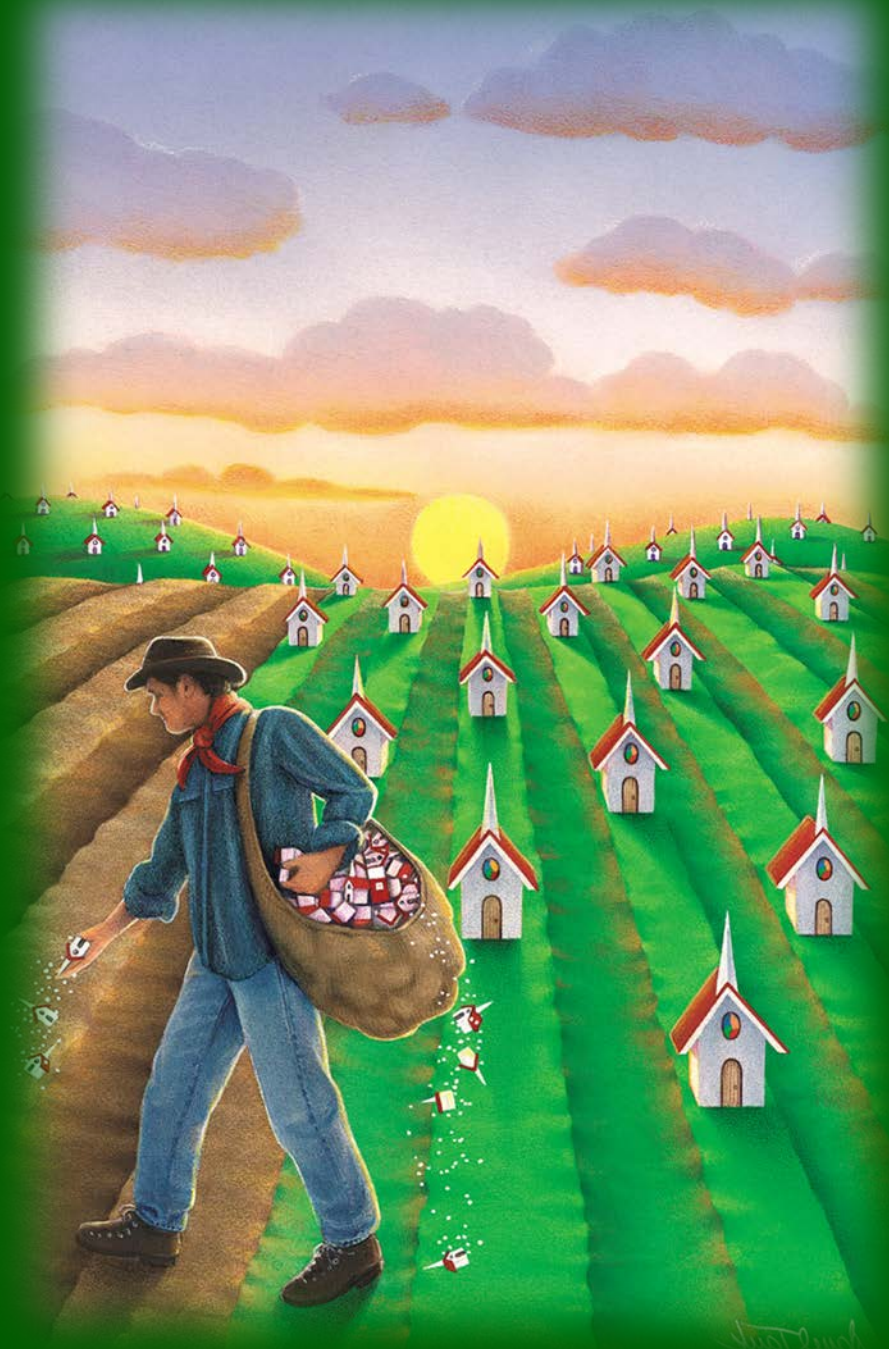
“The Sabbath School should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ.” TSS:20



The object of Sabbath School work should be the ingathering of souls. The facilities could be all that could be desired; but if the children and youth are not brought to Christ, the school is a failure. CSW:61

Three ways to do outreach in Sabbath School

- **P.S.A.** model
(**P**roblem,
Solution,
Acceptance)
- Local class projects
- Missions

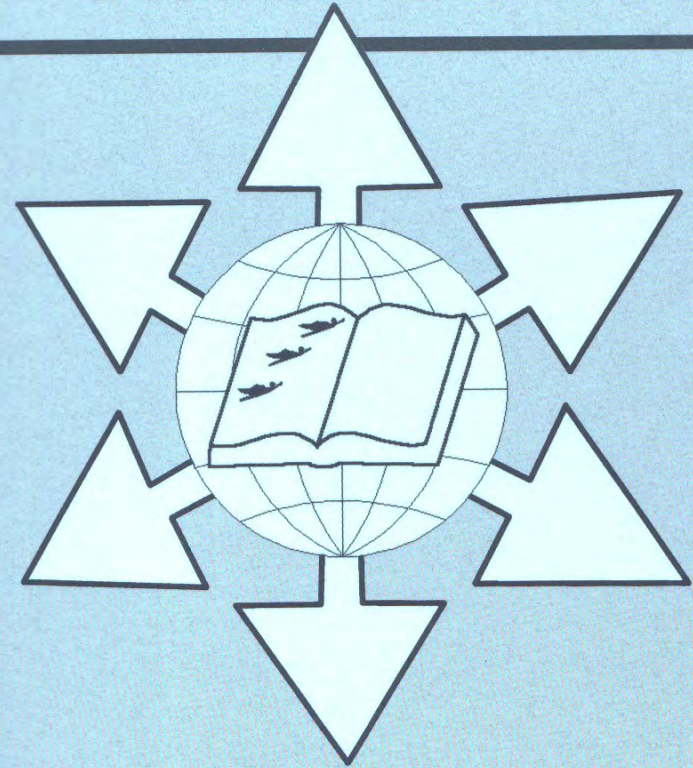


Local class project:



- What will your class do to help others within your community?
(MH:143)

Church Growth Through Sabbath School Action Units



Calvin L. Smith

**Good
resources:**

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NCC Church Growth &
Sabbath School Ministries

101

WAYS TO
REACH YOUR
COMMUNITY

STEVE SJOGREN

Discover How Exhilarating
a Ministry-driven Class Can Be

REINVENT
YOUR
SABBATH
SCHOOL

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Outreach – Missions:

Adventist have the largest Protestant missionary network.

Adventist hospitals & clinics, Maranatha Church & school builders, Adventist Frontier Missions, etc.

The third goal of Sabbath School is “learning.”

- This is why we call it Sabbath School!



Teacher expectations:

- Be filled with Holy Spirit
- Uplift Jesus (John 12:32)



Teacher expectations:

- Passionate “sharers”
- Mastered lesson



Teacher expectations:

- Summarize lesson into one sentence.
- Subdivide into about 3 points
- CIA (Clarify, Illustrate, Apply)



Teacher expectations:

- Less lecturing
- Better questions
- Restate main points in conclusion





Application is the fourth goal

- “Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.” James 4:17 NLT

Application:

- Are we training our members to be better sinners?



Application:

- So what?
- How will your life be different because of this lesson?
- Ask next week how they applied the previous lesson.



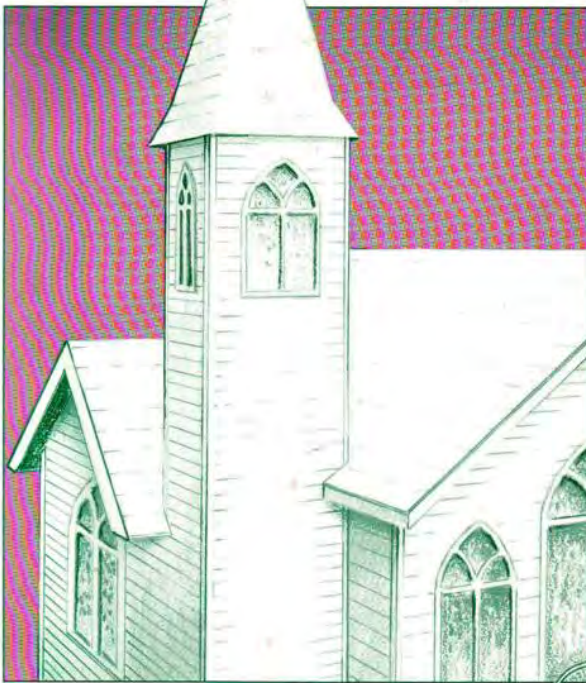
So what could Sabbath School look like?



- Fellowship 10 minutes
- Outreach 5 minutes
- Lesson study 40 minutes
- Application 5 minutes
- That's 60 minutes.

Sabbath School is revitalized when –

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- We fellowship (before, during, & afterward)
- We do outreach (within the class, as a class project, and support world missions)
- We learn and apply God's principles for living.

Is your Sabbath School achieving these four goals?

- Fellowship
- Outreach
- Learning
- Application

