

**No. 21 Symposium: “Continue Applying Yourself . . . to Teaching”
—“Were Not Our Hearts Burning?”**

Note to the speaker:

Talk with audience participation and video

VIDEO PRESENTATION (28 min.)

Let’s give our attention to the second part of our video presentation. This video will highlight how to use the Scriptures in our talks. Take note of an effective formula to teach from the Scriptures

<<**PLAY VIDEO [12 min. 30 sec.]**>>

[Use the following questions to discuss the video. As time permits, highlight additional points from the video]

Questions:

1. What is our goal in teaching others? [To touch their feelings and motivate them to demonstrate their loyalty to Jehovah]
2. **[Read Luke 24:32]** Why were the disciples’ hearts burning when Jesus spoke with them? [It was not the fact that he was there with them. It was his clear explanation of the Scriptures]
3. In the video, the following point is made: When developing a talk, instead of simply explaining the statements that appear in the outline, it is more effective to discern how those statements are supported by the Scriptures. Then teach the points made in the outline *from the Scriptures*. What does that mean to you?
4. To teach from the Scriptures, what formula can assist us? [“REIA” (read, explain, illustrate, apply)]
5. When introducing a familiar verse, what must we avoid and why?
6. How might we introduce a familiar scripture?
7. Why must we allow sufficient time for the audience to look up the verse?
8. What is involved in explaining a Bible verse? (*be* 53 ¶3) [Make it plain, clear, and obvious. Break down the text. Analyze the context, the background, or the setting. Take into consideration what the audience may be thinking while the verse is being read]
9. What is the purpose of illustrations? (*be* 53 ¶4) [To take listeners to a deeper level of understanding or to help listeners remember the point being discussed. Illustrations paint a picture in the listeners’ minds]
10. Why is application so important? (*be* 53 ¶5) [Helps the audience to grasp the principal point of the teaching. Touches and motivates listeners in a personal way]

IN SUMMARY (1 min.)

Hearts burn when we teach from the Scriptures

Teach the points stated in the outline by means of the Scriptures

Read verses after creating anticipation for the text, even when reading familiar verses

Explain Bible verses in a way that exceeds the expectations of the listener

The point being made must be clear in our minds before we can explain it to others

If a thought cannot be explained simply, it should be rejected

Illustrate with examples or word pictures

Take the audience to a deeper level of understanding

Apply the Scriptures in a way that touches the hearts of listeners

[Introduce the next part on the program]