

UNDERSTANDING THE CURRICULUM

As with any curriculum, the better one “grasps” it – the better it can be used to the benefit of everyone. Here are some “key” areas to increase your understanding and, hopefully, your appreciation of the NLB curriculum.

(1) *How the NLB Curriculum Got Started . . .*

H.M. Motsinger started in Dallas County Jail in 1984
Later at Wynne Unit in Huntsville with John Henry Pruitt

(2) *The “Nature” of the NLB Curriculum . . . Changing Behavior*

Most focus on evangelism – few focus on changing daily conduct as NLB does

(3) *NLB IS a “Curriculum-Based Ministry”*

We research, develop, publish, and distribute curriculum that helps change human behavior. NLB also assists in training instructors to use the curriculum. NLB curriculum is a “tool” that may be used by prison ministries.

(4) *Side Benefits You May Not Have Considered*

A “proven” and “result-oriented” product (Name recognition)
Accepted by many authorities in corrections
Easier to recruit and train instructors
“Cognitive-Oriented” (*changing a way of thinking...*)

- Improves reading ability
- Expands vocabulary

Bound Workbooks: Courses V, VII and VIII - \$6 each

(5) *Choosing Courses Wisely*

What is already being offered?
What greatest needs are being neglected?

- Substance abuse?
- Anger?
- Attitudes & Behaviors?

(6) *Accept Limitations*

Time will not allow the use of ALL courses (live and in-person)
Encourage the use of other NLB courses by correspondence

(7) *Spouses/Children*

Spouses especially benefit from Courses III, V and VI
Children benefit from the *Children’s Edition* of Course I (Age 5-12)
Consider Course IX: “The *FamilyNet* Series”
Little Angels

(8) *“Prisoners of Christ” – Course XI*

The first 2 units are designed for County Jail use
The last 2 units are designed for those in prison and preparing for release