

# Strengths and Weaknesses

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## Team 1:

Using the information in *Great Expectations* (pages 7-10), identify and be prepared to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Small Groups (as well as being prepared to define Small Groups).



## Team 2:

Using the information in *Great Expectations* (pages 7-10), identify and be prepared to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Sunday School (as well as being prepared to define Sunday School).



## Team 3:

Using the information in *Great Expectations* (pages 7-10), identify and be prepared to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Discipleship Groups (as well as being prepared to define Discipleship Groups).

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**Handout 1: Strengths and Weaknesses**  
For use with *Great Expectations: Planting Seeds for Sunday School Growth* – Student Teaching Plan

*Great Expectations*  
Planting Seeds for Sunday School Growth



**You have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God.**  
1 Peter 1:23

**Now the One who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.**  
2 Corinthians 9:10



**The seed is the word of God.**  
Luke 8:11

**The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field.**  
Matthew 13:31



**If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.**

Matthew 17:20

**Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy. Though one goes along weeping, carrying the bag of seed, he will surely come back with shouts of joy, carrying his sheaves.**  
Psalm 126:5-6



**So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. Now the one who plants and the one who waters are equal, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.**  
1 Corinthians 3:7-8

#### **Handout 2: Seed Verses**

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# Frist Impressions

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**TEAM 1:** Using the information from “Welcome Desk” in *Great Expectations* (page 20), discuss the principles in this paragraph and discuss how these principles could be used in Sunday School ministry to students.



**TEAM 2:** Using the information from “Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign” in *Great Expectations* (pages 20-21), discuss the principles in this paragraph and discuss how these principles could be used in Sunday School ministry to students.



**TEAM 3:** Using the information from “The Importance of the Door” in *Great Expectations* (page 21), discuss the principles in this paragraph and discuss how these principles could be used in Sunday School ministry to students.



**TEAM 4:** Using the information from “Clearing the Clutter” in *Great Expectations* (page 22), discuss the principles in this paragraph and discuss how these principles could be used in Sunday School ministry to students.

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## Handout 3: First Impressions

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#### **Handout 4: SBookmarks**

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