

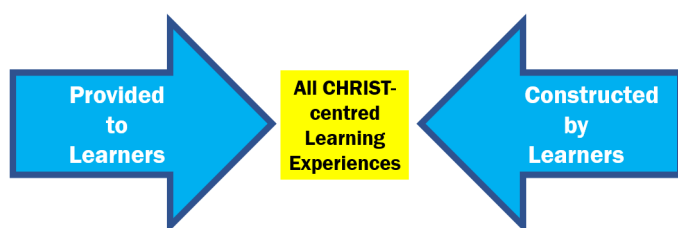
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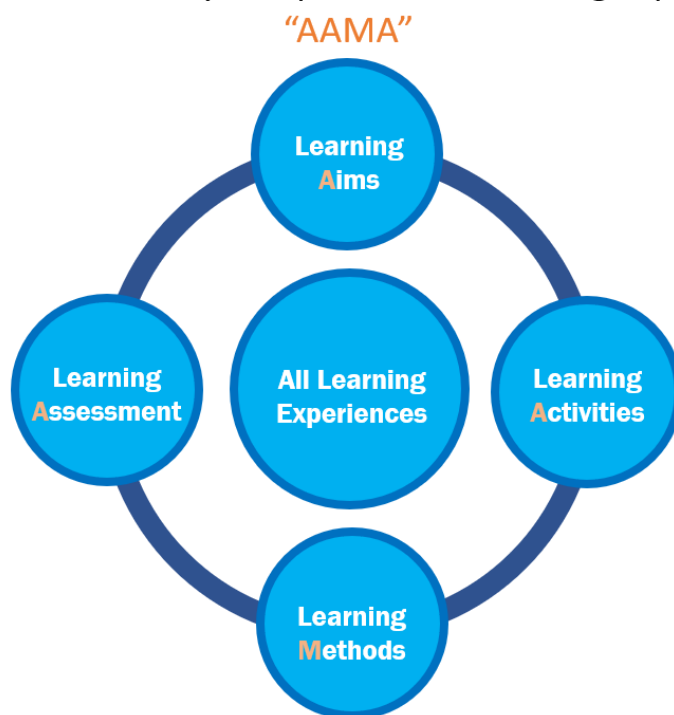
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Session 1: Christian Curriculum and Learning Aims

- **Christian curriculum:** all the Christ-centred learning experiences provided to and constructed by Christian learners.
- **Learning experiences =**
 - (a) formal (Sunday school lesson, church outing) and informal (interactions with teacher, classmates)
 - (b) In-person or online
 - (c) Individual and group



What are the four key components of learning experiences?



A Learning Aim = a statement that describes the overall goal or purpose of a learning experience.

- D. L. Moody: "The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge but to change our lives." (Source: June Tan)
- E.g: To help the elderly ladies in the Chinese service to grow in their faith through regular prayer and applying God's word in their lives.

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Five Lesson Aims:

1. Determining Factors - **Objectives** [provided to learner]
2. Focus at the head - **Information** [provided to and constructed by learner]
3. Focus at the heart - **Motivational** [provided to and constructed by learner]
4. Focus at the hands - **Action / Service** [provided to and constructed by learner]
5. Combination - **HBLT (Hook, Book, Look Took)** [provided to and constructed by learner]

Personal Learning Aims of Christian curriculum

To achieve Christ-centred learning aims, the teacher needs to have a shepherd's heart!

Cultivate a shepherd's heart

- Teaching is about relationships—the best teacher loves and knows his students well.
- Invest time in developing friendships with your students.
- If your students can sense your personal interest in them, they will give you the air time that you are looking for.

Source: Lilian Lee

Reflection and Application

- Is what you provide to your students Christ-centred?
- How do you know that your students are constructing ideas that are Christ-centred?
- What is your personal learning aim?
- Does your teaching focus on the head, heart and hands?
- Do you have a shepherd's heart?

Recommended reading: *Christian Education: Foundation for the Future*. Read especially Part 1 (The definitive nature of Christian education) and Part 2 (The teaching-learning process in Christian education). Retrieved from:

<https://www.moodypublishers.com/mpimages/Marketing/WEB%20Resources/ProductExports/9780802416476-TOC-CH1.pdf>

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