



TRIVIUM TUESDAY

On the first Tuesday of every month, all of our WW mamas get together in the evening to read through a book about Christian and classical education, and we can discuss as we read. I have a list of books I have in mind for Trivium Tuesday, but we haven't finished the first two yet, so I'll just share what we've actually done!

Each Trivium Tuesday, we read from *Keeping the Faith on Education*, Vol. 1, edited by Kevin Swanson, and *Teaching the Trivium*, by Harvey and Laurie Bluedorn. We start by praying, of course, then read a full selection from *Keeping the Faith*, no matter how short or long it is. Then, we try to read a whole chapter of *Teaching the Trivium*... We find our discussion encouraging, but we limit it and try to focus on getting as much of the book read as possible. Still, we usually don't get the whole chapter done at our evening meeting. That's okay, though; we just pick up where we left off, the next time.

We also read Dorothy Sayers' "The Lost Tools of Learning" at one meeting; it's printed (the full version, most of the time when you find it online, it's been shortened...!) in the back of *Teaching the Trivium*.

There are several great things about Trivium Tuesdays:

1. Moms who have trouble reading about education methods learn all of the good stuff, this way!
2. Let's face it: How many Bible studies or book clubs have you been in? And can you name a single one where, after the first meeting or two, all of the ladies actually read the material in preparation for your meeting? Mamas are busy; and this is a set-aside time where they can read these books they *do* want to read!
3. Obviously, it's great fellowship!
4. Reading, and also discussing, helps all of the mothers learn WHY we are doing what we're doing at Wisdom's Way, and in Grammar of Grace. We're not a carbon-copy of any one particular author, but we learn principles of education from these great Christians speaking on education—principles most of us have never heard before!!
5. We get busy, we get lazy, but we have *kept* making this a priority, and every single meeting, afterward, we are always *so glad* we met!!!

BOOKS WE'VE BEEN READING, THE PAST TWO YEARS

- *Teaching the Trivium*, by Harvey & Laurie Bluedorn
- *Keeping the Faith on Education*, by Kevin Swanson
- "The Lost Tools of Learning", by Dorothy Sayers (appendix in *Teaching the Trivium*)