

Bible Study Methods 210 Diploma Level



Classroom Hours: 24 (minimum)

Description/Overview:

Bible Study Methods emphasizes the importance of studying the Bible. Identifying hindrances to Bible study while offering helps to encourage it, it is a comprehensive course in Biblical observation, interpretation, and application.

Objectives:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1.) Defend study of the Bible as essential to spiritual growth, maturity, and effectiveness.
- 2.) Establish some goals toward their own personal commitment to study of the Word.
- 3.) Define the term “method” and relate it to personal Bible study.
- 4.) Categorize different Bible study techniques under the umbrellas of observation, interpretation, and application.
- 5.) Dissect different passages of Scripture using the skills learned in this class.
- 6.) List the different ways to read the Bible and expound upon the importance of each.
- 7.) Discover the purpose behind a verse by breaking down its literary structure.
- 8.) Explain the basic things to look for when reading a verse that might speak to its deeper significance or meaning.
- 9.) Summarize the significance of the way passages are interpreted.
- 10.) Classify what type of literature the Bible is.
- 11.) State the five keys to interpretation.

Topics/Concepts:

- Ten strategies to help improve the vital process of reading.
- The concept of turning Scripture into prayer and tips on how to do so.
- Six things to look for when reading the Word.
- The process of creating a chart to aid in deeper study of the word, the things that should be included, as well as instruction on how to use it.
- The use and value of a concordance.
- The figurative sense and how to navigate figurative passages in Scripture.
- Various figures of speech, their meanings, and their significance.

Recommended Primary Textbook(s)

Bible Study Methods, Adaption from Howard G. Hendricks, William G. Hendricks
'Living By the Book'

Recommended Alternatives:

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:

Part I - Introduction

- Why People do not Study the Bible
- Why Study the Bible?
- How This Book Can Help
- An Overview of the Process

Part II - Observation

- The Value of Observation
- Let's Start with a Verse
- You Must Learn to Read
- Read Thoughtfully
- Read Repeatedly
- Read Patiently
- Read Selectively
- Read Prayerfully
- Read Imaginatively
- Read Meditatively
- Read Purposefully
- Read Acquisitively
- Read Telescopically
- Work with a Paragraph
- Things that are Emphasized
- Things that are Repeated
- Things that are Related
- Things that are Alike, and Unlike
- Things that are True to Life
- See the Big Picture
- Summarize your Observations
- Facts are Stupid Things Until...

Part III-Interpretation

- The Value of Interpretation
- Handle with Care
- What Type of Literature is This?

Part IV-Five Keys to Interpretation

- Content
- Context
- Comparison
- Culture
- Consultation
- Coming to Terms

Figuring out the Figurative
Putting it all Together
Don't Stop Now!

Part V – Application

The Value of Application
Four Steps in Application
Nine Questions to Ask
Now and Then
The Principle of the Thing
A Process of Life-Change
Three Suggestions to get Started

Languages Available:

English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian

Course Packet Resources:

Tests and Assignments
Variety of Articles available on request from gats@upci.org

Comments:

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