

Bible Study Methods



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 – Howard G. Hendricks, William G. Hendricks

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:

Course Packet Resources:

Comments:

Date of Last Revision: