

# **BIBLICAL STUDIES**

## **'CHRISTIAN LIFE & MINISTRY'**

### **OUR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY:**

Our aim is to rightly interpret and honour God's word and we endeavour to communicate the Scriptures in a clear and understandable way. Although we are unable to thoroughly examine every book of the Bible, we want our course of study to provide a solid basis upon which students can build throughout the rest of their lives. We cover all the Bible doctrines thoroughly in our classes, but that being said our course is laid out chronologically so that "Bible Doctrines" are discovered in the context of the setting of each book of the Bible. We do offer some small overview doctrine classes for the purpose of drawing together what the Bible says as a whole on the subject.

We are committed to allowing the Holy Spirit to use the teaching to change lives, including our own, to make a difference in our world. We desire the exaltation of the One who so loved that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

### ***MODULES (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)***

#### **Bible Memory – 15h**

This module focuses on memorising individual verses and a full chapter.

#### **Christian Life – 15h**

This module brings together what has been learned through the year in all the Biblical Studies modules. This review of birth truths includes the believer's identification in Christ, security and assurance. These are applied in growth truths and Christian liberty. Practical discussions include responding to issues with important concepts to keep in mind while loving and discipling others.

#### **2 Corinthians - 12h**

A study looking at Paul's explanation and defence of his ministry and apostleship. This is the most personal of Paul's letters, revealing the heart of the apostle, the message God had given him and the cost in getting this message out. The study will also deal with the subjects of comfort, false teachers, and the grace of giving financially.

**Daniel - 12h**

This is a study of the prophecies of the book of Daniel through which God reveals the course of Gentile world power; the relationship of Israel to this course; her liberation from this power at the Second Coming of Christ and the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom.

**Each One Reach One, Each One Teach One - 10h**

An examination of the "Who, What, Where, How and Why" of Christ's Great Commission, with specific and detailed attention given to training in the "How" of personally sharing the message of the Bible and one-to-one disciple-making / mentoring. This highly motivational study clearly emphasises the priority and practice of personally sharing the message of the Bible and one-to-one discipling in ministry both at home and abroad.

**Ephesians - 24h**

The first three chapters in this epistle teach us who we are in Christ. Chapters 4 through 6 then discuss how we should live our lives in light of this. Special attention is given to Paul's two prayers and the armour of God.

**Firm Foundations, Creation to Christ - 28h**

This module introduces and examines the background, concept and content of the "chronological teaching approach" to evangelism and discipleship. Students participate by preparing and teaching brief lessons covering the redemptive highlights of God's Story and revealed Glory in overview of the Old and New Testaments as presented in the course text "Firm Foundations - Creation to Christ."

**Galatians - 17h**

This study looks at the meaning of the Gospel and how Paul challenges believers, considering their new position in Christ, to walk in freedom through the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Hebrews - 24h**

The superiority of Christ is highlighted in comparison to angels, prophets, Moses, the Aaronic priesthood and the Mosaic Covenant. This leads to an understanding of the walk of faith, the better ministry and the better covenant established by Christ.

**James - 11h**

This study focuses on various practical truths for the everyday walk of the believer such as difficult circumstances, wisdom, the tongue, and conflict resolution.

**John's Epistles - 11h**

A look at the 3 Epistles of the Apostle John. John challenges us with walking in the light, not darkness, walking in love, not in disunity and

walking in truth, not a lie. We will spend 10 hours looking at John's treatise on fellowship with God and our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Also out of this fellowship comes the desire to keep his commandments, which John says are not burdensome.

### **Jude - 3h**

A study of Jude's letter, its structure and purpose. Jude warns against false teachers while appealing for believers to contend for the faith in response to false teachers. This is backed up with references to the Old Testament, before applying how we are to consider our spiritual condition and life with God, and finishing in praise to God.

### **Major Prophets – 24h**

This study will look at Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Lamentations. It will be clearly seen that God has not finished with His people Israel. Even though in Isaiah's time He called in vain for them to repent, He still promised to send them a Messiah who would first come to offer Himself as a sacrifice for their sin, and then later, in what is still future, would return as King to restore Israel to Himself by faith, making Israel the glory of the earth. All of the promises made to the patriarchs will be wonderfully fulfilled in His Kingdom.

### **Missions - 8h**

This module takes a look at God's perspective on world evangelisation from the Bible. Some of the questions answered in this class are: Are the heathen really lost? What is the biblical basis for missions? Who are called to missionary service?

### **1 Peter - 8h**

1 Peter was written to Christians who were experiencing various forms of persecution. Peter encouraged these Christians to steadfast endurance. Peter's warm expressions along with his practical instructions make this epistle an encouragement for all believers who live in conflict with their culture.

### **2 Peter - 5h**

2 Peter was also written to Jewish Christians who were experiencing various forms of persecution in the early Church period. This is a book about being alert and not falling asleep to our surroundings. God deals with us both in truth and grace. Peter addresses some moral issues and corruption within the church. He helps us to know how we can resist all this by showing us what God has provided and what he requires of us. There are certain key words or key phrases that relates to the themes carried throughout the book

**Philippians - 10h**

Paul's letter to the church at Philippi was to thank them for their help and to encourage them to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. To walk with the Lord produces joy and joy is emphasised and encouraged throughout this letter.

**Practical Programme – 9h/week**

This normally runs three afternoons each week, and is a time when students join together in the house keeping necessary to keep things clean and tidy. It is also a practical opportunity to serve each other and the Lord, and it provides useful experience in learning to apply Christian life principles.

**Revelation - 22h**

In the book of Revelation we build upon the foundation of Daniel as we consider the completion of the testimony of the true Church; the judgment of both the false religious system of this world and its commercial and political system during the Tribulation; the Millennial Kingdom; the final destiny of Satan, his demons and all unbelievers; and the New Heaven and New Earth.

**Soteriology - 6h**

From God's perspective, salvation includes the total work of God in bringing people from death to eternal life. From the human perspective it incorporates all of the blessings that being in Christ brings, both in this life and the life to come.

**1 & 2 Thessalonians - 15h**

The study of these letters will emphasise the coming of the Lord, focusing especially on the Rapture of the Church, and how this relates to the Day of the Lord, and many other important principles of Christian living and ministry.

**1 Timothy - 12h**

The study of 1 Timothy focuses on the truths with reference to the local assembly of believers. What were the expectations for the church members meeting together? Who were the leaders and how did they qualify for the role? How were the believers to live out their lives in their pluralistic and pagan society?

**2 Timothy - 7h**

This is the final, inspired letter written by Paul while awaiting execution. We examine his concerns and his confidence for the ongoing spread of the gospel through the early church.

**Titus - 6h**

This is a study looking at the qualifications of church leadership and the qualities to be found in the people of the church. The gospel of grace is

explained and an emphasis on the importance of good works.

**OTHER**

Chapel/HTR – 2.5h per week

Fellowship Group – Monday evenings

\*h = class hour = 50 minutes