

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# Bible Study Basics

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## Course Description

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Welcome to *Bible Study Basics*. Have you ever wanted to learn directly from the Bible itself but felt inadequate? The good news is that the Author of the Bible has not left the reader alone. Paul signaled God's commitment to help us when he wrote, "Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this" (2 Tim. 2:7 NIV). With this confidence, we offer in the following course some helpful guidelines on how to make a lifetime study of Scripture practical and satisfying.

## Course Objectives

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Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. Discover the many benefits of studying the Bible, as well as your own reasons for wanting to do Bible study.
2. Be familiar with various Bible study tools and how to use them.
3. Understand how inductive Bible study works.
4. Apply macro-observation to a Bible book.
5. Apply micro-observation to a Bible passage.
6. Understand and apply interpretation skills to a Bible passage.
7. Understand how to apply the messages expressed in the Bible to our present-day lives.

## Course Lecturer

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Dr. Sid Buzzell is the Dean of Christian University GlobalNet and former Dean of the School of Theology at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colorado, where he taught Bible courses, leadership, and homiletics. He received a BS from Philadelphia College of Bible, a ThM from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a PhD from Michigan State University.

## Course Methods

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Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage the students in learning and processing information, interacting with other students (when possible), and applying the learning to their lives.

## Lesson Structure

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Each lesson is organized in a similar structure. It is important that students review the lesson

objectives for each lesson so they will be familiar with the learning outcomes for that lesson. The lesson lectures are available in video or text format. Lessons are structured as follows:

- **Lesson Objectives:** The Lesson Objectives describe the learning outcomes students should achieve by the end of each lesson.
- **Lecture:** Each lesson in this course includes a lecture of approximately 10-25 minutes in length. These instructional lectures can be watched as many times as needed. The same content is available in the lesson transcript (PDF), for students who can benefit from this alternative medium.
- **Quizzes:** Short, interactive quizzes within each video lesson help students test their knowledge along the way.

## Course Requirements

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Course requirements will be provided by the student's course facilitator, instructor, or leader. For students taking this course independent of a facilitator, this is a self-study course and there are no requirements; students may do as much, or as little work in the course as they like.