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How to Read and Study the Bible

Lesson One: Introduction and What is the Bible?

Lesson One Topics

- Learning Objectives
- Reflection Questions
- Scripture References
- Key Terms and Definitions
- What is the Bible?

Learning Objectives

- To gain a better understanding of the history of the Bible and its purpose for the people of God.
- To learn to open our minds and hearts to more intentionally read and study God's Word for personal spiritual growth.
- To become contributors and not merely consumers in the kingdom of God.

Reflection Questions

A. What are some reasons for reading and studying the Bible?

B. Are reading and studying the same thing? Explain.

Scripture References

Deuteronomy 6:6-9; 11:18a

Joshua 1:8

Psalm 119:105

Matthew 7:15

2 Timothy 2:15

2 Timothy 3:16-17

2 Peter 1:20-21

Hebrews 4:12

Key Terms

Articles of Faith

Authority

Belief

Bible

Doctrine

Inspiration

Practice

Scripture

Principles

Devotion

Discipline

Church

Lesson Notes

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Check your Progress.

1. Why is the Bible important to the church?

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Check your Progress.

4. Where can you find your church's beliefs about the Bible/Scriptures?

5. Where is the inspiration of Scripture taught in the Bible?

6. Use your Bible's concordance and identify two passages that use the word book and two that use the word Scriptures.

7. What does it mean to say that the Bible is the Word of God?

Homework Assignment:

1. Complete the Bible Inventory Sheet.
2. Review the Scripture References from this Session.



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“HOW TO READ AND STUDY THE BIBLE”

Textbooks and Other Resources

- The Holy Bible (various translations)
- Participant Questionnaire Handout
- “Introduction to the Bible: An Easy-to-Read Guide to its Purpose and Origin” by Dr. Geoffrey V. Gunns (2014) **ISBN: 978-1-939225-24-5**

Lesson One: Introduction and What is the Bible

- A. Learning Objectives
- B. Reflection Questions
- C. Scripture References
- D. Key Terms and Definitions
- E. What is the Bible?
- F. Check Your Progress Questions pgs. 8-9
- G. Homework:
 - 1. Read: “Introduction to the Bible: An Easy-to-Read Guide to its Purpose and Origin” by Dr. Geoffrey V. Gunns, pgs. 9-16
 - 2. Complete the “Bible Inventory Sheet”

Lesson One (continued): Attributes and Purpose of the Bible

- A. Lesson Objectives
- B. Reflection Questions
- C. Scripture References
- D. Key Terms and Definitions
- E. Attributes of the Bible
- F. The Purposes of the Bible
- G. Check Your Progress Questions
- H. Homework:
 - 1. Complete Your Bible Inventory Sheet

Lesson Two: What is the Old Testament

- A. Lesson Objectives
- B. Reflection Questions
- C. Scripture References
- D. Key Terms and Definitions
- E. What is the Old Testament?
 - 1. Check your Progress pgs. 19-20

- F. Divisions of the Old Testament
 - Standard English Classification**
 - 1. Check your Progress pg. 21
 - Hebrew Bible Classification**
- G. Contents of the Old Testament
 - 1. Check your Progress pgs. 26-27

Lesson Three : How Did We Get the Old Testament

- A. Learning Objectives
- B. Reflection Questions
- C. Scripture References
- D. Key Terms and Definitions
- E. How Did We Get the Old Testament
- F. Ancient Writings
 - 1. Check your Progress pg. 31-32
- G. Formation of the Old Testament
 - 1. Check your Progress pg. 36

Lesson Four: What is the New Testament

- A. Learning Objectives
- B. Reflection Questions
- C. Scripture References
- D. Key Terms and Definitions
- E. What is the New Testament
- F. The Composition of the New Testament
 - 1. Check your Progress pg. 45-46

Lesson Five: How Did We Get the New Testament

- A. Learning Objectives
- B. Reflection Questions
- C. Scripture References
- D. Key Terms and Definitions
- E. How Did We Get the New Testament
 - 1. Check your Progress pg. 50
- F. Formation of the New Testament
 - 1. Check your Progress pgs. 56-57

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BIBLE STUDY TEACHING SCHEDULE

“HOW TO READ AND STUDY THE BIBLE”

(March 22 – April 26, 2023)

March 22, 2023	Lesson One: Introduction and What is the Bible?
March 29, 2023	Lesson One (continued): Attributes and Purposes of the Bible
April 5, 2023	Lesson Two: What is the Old Testament
April 12, 2023	Lesson Three: How Did We Get the Old Testament
April 19, 2023	Lesson Four: What is the New Testament
April 26, 2023	Lesson Five: How Did We Get the New Testament

Note: Dates subject to change due to holidays and Church events.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

BIBLE AND BIBLE STUDY TOOLS EVALUATION

YOUR BIBLE(S)

What type of Bible do you use as your main Study Bible?

- ☐ Dake's Study Bible
- ☐ Discovery Study Bible
- ☐ English Standard Version Bible
- ☐ Holman Christian Standard Bible
- ☐ John Maxwell Leadership Bible
- ☐ John McArthur Study Bible
- ☐ Life Application Study Bible
- ☐ Quest Study Bible
- ☐ Thomas Nelson Open Bible
- ☐ Thompson Chain Reference Bible
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

What translation or version is your main Study Bible?

- ☐ Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)
- ☐ Easy to Read Version (ERV)
- ☐ English Standard Version (ESV)
- ☐ Good News Translation (GNT)
- ☐ God's Word Translation (GWT)
- ☐ King James Version (KJV)
- ☐ Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)
- ☐ New American Standard Bible (NASB)
- ☐ New Century Version
- ☐ New International Version (NIV)
- ☐ New King James Version (NKJV)
- ☐ New Living Translation (NLT)
- ☐ New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)
- ☐ The Message
- ☐ Today's New International Version (TNIV)
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Year Published

YOUR BIBLE SOFTWARE

LEVEL OR VERSION #

☐ LOGOS	_____
☐ WordSearch (merged with LOGOS in 2020)	_____
☐ Biblesoft	_____
☐ Quick Verse	_____
☐ E-Sword	_____
☐ Olive Tree	_____
☐ Other: _____	_____
☐ Other: _____	_____
☐ Other: _____	_____
☐ None	_____

Access to Bible Study Tools and Bible Software: Make/Model (i.e. I-Phone, Android etc.)

☐ Laptop	_____
☐ Desktop	_____
☐ Tablet	_____
☐ Cell Phone	_____

OTHER BIBLE STUDY TOOLS

☐ Bible Atlas	
☐ Bible Dictionaries (Cultural, Geography, Archaeology, etc.)	
☐ Bible Encyclopedias	
☐ Bible Concordance (i.e. Strongs, Strongs Exhaustive, Vines, Nave's and others)	
☐ Other: _____	
☐ Other: _____	

INTERNET/ONLINE BIBLE STUDY TOOLS

☐ www.crosswalk.com	
☐ www.biblegateway.com (Free access and fee-based Plus for access to expanded resources)	
☐ www.bible.org	
☐ www.biblos.com	
☐ www.biblestudytools.com	
☐ www.ccel.org (Christian Classics Ethereal Library – Early Church Fathers)	
☐ www.studylight.org	
☐ Other: _____	
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