



COURSE CONTENT DOCUMENT

TITLE: Biblical Foundations - 'See Through the Scriptures'

Designation: Core Requirement For Layreaders

Overview

This course will help people attain a basic understanding of Scripture and identify a simple way of finding key sections of the Bible.

The Bible can be daunting. How does the average person make sense of it all? *See Through the Scriptures* makes the Bible more accessible by taking readers step-by-step through the entire biblical narrative from Genesis to Revelation, putting everything in clear context. With full-color teaching graphics designed to help people grasp and remember the key events and concepts of the Bible, students gain a new appreciation for everything that preceded Jesus in order to more fully understand the deeper meaning of His ministry and message of love and servanthood.

Objectives

On completion of this workshop you should be able to identify the books in the bible and:

1. Describe the period from *Creation to the Patriarchs* (The Book of Genesis)
2. Identify *The Exodus and the Conquest* (Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua & Judges)
3. Relate how *A Kingdom Emerges and a Kingdom Divides* (1 & 2 Samuel and 1st Kings up through chapter 14)
4. Identify the *Prophets & The Exile* (1 Kings 22:1-40; 2 Kings chs. 22-23; Isaiah through Malachi minus Daniel)
5. Describe *Judaism* (Ezra, Nehemiah, Daniel)
6. Describe the message of our Saviour *Jesus the Messiah* (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Epistles, Revelation)

Reading Assignment

- Prior to attending the sessions use your Bible to write down a list of the books of the bible dividing them into history books (Genesis to Esther); Poetic Books (Job to Song of Solomon); Major Prophets (Isaiah to Daniel) and Minor Prophets (Hosea to Malachi). Do the same for the New testament listing history books (the Gospels to Acts); Paul's Letters (Romans to Philemon); General Letters (Hebrews to Jude) and Revelations. Bring your Bible and your lists to the workshop.

Video Assignment

- Pre-Workshop Video. Please watch this video from the Layreaders' Association for Nova Scotia and PEI:

Biblical Foundations with The Reverend Helen Ryding at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sX5fS6EaCq4&feature=youtu.be>

Pause and Consider

- How will becoming more familiar with the Bible help your layreader ministry?

Supplementary Resources

- A Study Bible

References

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