

Bible Study Methods B Course Description

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Course Description: This course begins with an introduction into some basic knowledge of the Bible, biblical history, and the gospel. It continues by introducing the student to a clear, simple method of studying the Bible (Observation, Interpretation, Correlation, and Application). The student will practice this method and then apply it in the study of the first 6 books of the Bible. By the completion of this course, the student will have the tools necessary for a lifetime of Bible study and for a deepening of their relationship with God.

Course Objectives:

1. To learn some tools for study of the Bible.
2. To encourage a pattern for the regular study of the scriptures.
3. To become acquainted with the first 6 books of the Bible and the early history of the people of God.
4. To develop a greater interest in God's word.
5. To learn a framework of the scriptures in order to better utilize the Bible in all areas of study.

Book list: *Bible.* You must use a translation, and not a paraphrase. It is preferred, for the purpose of self-discovery, that you do not use a study Bible. Examples of acceptable translations include: New American Standard Bible (NASB), King James Version (KJV), New King James Version (NKJV), New International Version (NIV), New Revised Standard Version (NRSV or RSV).

Course Requirements:

1. Students will read the first 6 books of the Bible in their entirety according to a class schedule. Assigned sections must be read prior to class to enable the student to discuss the chapters in class.
2. Students will be assigned daily assignments. These activities will include making observations, outlining chapters and books, memorizing lists and verses, preparing maps, charting books, writing biographies, answering questions, making tables and charts, word studies, and using reference materials.
3. Students will be required to discuss the text and assignments in class.

Grading:

Grading will not be done according to the standard A through F scale. The grade will be evaluated on work according to its completeness and quality. Points will then be awarded for each assignment. Students desiring a higher point grade on returned assignments may revise work to increase their grade. Some grades may not be able to be revised, such as participation. Points will be entered in GradeSpeed, and students and parents can monitor progress toward Mastery. The following percentages are a breakdown of how their grade will be determined.

1. Daily Assignments (approximately 50) 60%
2. Bible Reading checks or quizzes (approximately 20) 10%
3. Bible Verse Memorization (approximately 10) 10%
4. Class Participation (approximately 50) 10%
5. Tests (approximately 2) 10%

Totals 100%

Mastery: Mastery will require a total of 85 % or above.

Mastery w/ Honor: MH (MQ for fall semester) will require achieving at least a 92.5% overall semester/year and an 85% or above in the area of Class Participation, as well as the completion of an approved 20 hour project.

Revisions of projects: All written assignments may be revised. Each assignment will show where points were lost to show where work can be improved. Revised work will receive up to 70% of the points lost. No work may be revised **4 weeks** after it is returned to the student the initial time (please note, school breaks count in this 4 weeks).

Golden Tickets and Extra Credit: The student may use any golden tickets acquired throughout the school year to replace one Bible reading check/quiz or a daily assignment. Extra credit will be offered per the Tutor's discretion. All work must be completed and revised before any extra credit opportunities will be considered.

Late Assignments: Late daily assignments, readings and memorization will start at 70% of total points possible and losing 5% points each class period it is late. If you are absent you need to have a written reason on the assignment to avoid late point deductions. If it is a planned absence you can obtain and turn in assignments ahead of time or upon your return.

Semesters: Two **Prerequisite:** None

Note to the parents: Please call or contact me if you have any concerns whatsoever regarding the above syllabus or any concern throughout the year. You are also welcome to attend class if you want a first hand glimpse as to what we are doing in class, please feel welcome to drop by and pull up a chair. I look forward to reading God's word with your kids and encouraging your kids to study and meditate on God's word.

First Day Assignment: Memorize the names of the first 6 books of the Bible. Be able to spell them correctly. There will be a quiz on this the first day of class.

Supplies:

Bible (Study Bibles are okay)

Lined loose leaf notebook paper

One 1” binder

Access to a good Concordance (available in library or on-line)

Optional: set of colored pencils or markers for making observations (12 colors sufficient)