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**

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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**Education:**
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**Teaching Career:**
- Academic Dean, Christian University GlobalNet
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Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in three easy-to-use formats: video, audio, and PDF text. Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.