

COURSE SYLLABUS

How to Teach the Bible

Course Lecturer: Sid Buzzell, PhD

Course Description

Teaching the Bible to others is an important responsibility that should be practiced with great care. This course introduces the foundational skills that will guide a Bible teacher step-by-step through the process of preparing an effective Bible-study course or session.

Course Objectives

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

- Explain why it is essential to teach the Bible well.
- Prepare a Bible passage to teach in various lesson formats.
- Generate and write clearly stated lesson goals.
- Prepare a lesson's introduction, outline, and conclusion.
- Describe and use methods to increase quality student participation in a lesson.

Course Lecturer



Sid Buzzell, PhD

Education:

- Michigan State University, PhD
- Dallas Theological Seminary, ThM
- Philadelphia College of the Bible, BS

Teaching Career:

- Academic Dean, Christian University GlobalNet
- Dean of the School of Theology, Academic Vice President, and Professor of Biblical Exposition and Leadership, Colorado Christian University
- Academic Dean and Professor of Pastoral Theology, Biblical Theological Seminary (1995-1997) and Conservative Baptist Seminary (1993-1995)
- Director of Christian Leadership Program and Professor of Management and Leadership, Colorado Christian University (1992-1993)
- Assistant Professor, Dallas Theological Seminary (1974-1982)
- Adjunct Professor, Denver Seminary, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and Eastern College

- Trainer and teacher of leaders across Europe, Asia, and Africa, with extensive work in Austria, China, Indonesia, and Poland

Other Career Highlights:

- Founding and senior pastor at several churches nationwide
- Ordained at the Billings Bible Church in Billings, Montana (1998)
- Ethics lecturer for Russian military officers at the Russian Humanitarian Academy in Moscow for the World International Military Conference (1993)
- Dallas Area Director, Christian Medical Society (1973-1979)
- Staff, Word of Life Inn fellowship ministry
- Participant in numerous conferences in well-respected organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, The Navigators, the National Association of Evangelicals, and World Vision International

Publications:

- Noted published author, with works including *Handbook to Leadership*
- Contributor to various biblical commentaries such as the *Bible Knowledge Commentary* and *Learning from Sages*
- General editor and a contributor to *The Leadership Bible* and *The Promise Keepers Bible* both by Zondervan Publishing

Course Methods

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

Course Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
 - **Lectures:** 10-15 minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
2. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.
Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.