

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# Bible Study Basics

Course Lecturer: Sid Buzzell, PhD

## Course Description

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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

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

- Discover the many benefits of studying the Bible, as well as your own reasons for wanting to do Bible study.
- Be familiar with various Bible study tools and how to use them.
- Understand how inductive Bible study works.
- Apply macro-observation to a Bible book.
- Apply micro-observation to a Bible passage.
- Understand and apply interpretation skills to a Bible passage.
- Understand how to apply the messages expressed in the Bible to our present-day lives.

## Course Lecturer

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*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

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Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage you in understanding, processing and applying the information learned in this course to your life. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**  
The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.
- **Additional Resources**  
Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, images, etc. that you can use to supplement your learning.

## Course Requirements

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Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the Class Time lectures for each lesson, which include:
  - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.

- **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
- **Lectures:** 10-20 minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.

2. Taking each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.

Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the Class Time lectures.

**Note:** Quizzes and the Final Exam are automatically graded and your course grade is weighted as follows:

Quizzes	40% of Course Grade
Final Exam	60% of Course Grade

In order to obtain a Certificate of Completion your overall score in the course must be 70% or higher.