



Do you wish you could engage with others on what you “think” you understand or do you wish you knew how to study so that you can link ideas from the Old Testament to the New Testament? Then this course is for you!

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Open the power point presentation to Slide 1. We will be following these slides as we think about the premises, rationale and steps we need to accomplish the goal of Bible Study using the Inductive Method.

Slide 1: There are three directions for you on this slide. It is hoped that you have already set aside time to read Chapter 1 and responded both in prayer and in your mind what this chapter is about. We will be moving from slide to slide as we ponder what it means to move from just “thinking” to “doing” in Bible Study. At the end of this presentation, please do the required assignments at the end of chapter 1’s reading.

Slide 2: The Title of this course is Bible Study Techniques. It is designed to be done online alone or with the instructor. It is therefore a Distance Education Course. In this course we will be learning a modified Inductive Bible Study Technique which when learned can be utilized for personal use or structured teaching study preparation.

Slide 3: Wikipedia defines an online course as: a field of education that focuses on teaching methods and technology with the aim of delivering teaching, often on an individual basis, to students who are not physically present in a traditional educational setting such as a classroom. This online course is designed for students who know but don't fully understand how Bible Study works to enrich, glean, and apply God’s Word to their everyday life; nor do many know how to teach others these timeless truths, called spiritual principles. This course fills in the gaps between knowing where a scripture is found to linking the OT to the NT understanding and applying the principles via a taxonomy in thinking and practice. Together in this online class, we will learn about a study method that will lead directly to sharing the truths of God with a world that is lost and entering a Christ-less eternity unless they meet “The Master”.

Bible Study Techniques is the first of 3 courses that will provide basic understandings of the components of Bible Study that can be directly applied to your current as well as future preparations in your home, school, Sunday School, or neighborhood Bible Study. In BST we will learn how to observe, and glean the facts of the scripture under discussion. This course will provide a model of critical steps needed to observe, interpret, and apply the truths found in God’s Word. In addition it is hoped that this course will enrich those lay students as well as those who hold the title of “teacher” to enhance and increase the effectiveness of their teaching methods.

Slide 4: Course Outline

In this course we will focus in on 8 basics steps. We will begin by understanding the Basics and Rationale for why we need to learn the Inductive Bible Study Method. After we understand this we will begin by learning how to implement each step. The first step

is learning how to observe. Detectives observe before they make pronouncements. We will learn how to observe who is being discussed in the passage, where this section takes place, when it takes place, what is being shared. We will not do interpretation at this step as we are “gathering facts” only. Just as Colombo, the TV detective, he always had his pad and pencil. to record his findings, you too will have yours which will be a worksheet that is found in the appendix of this course.

When we are gathering facts our mind will begin to formulate questions which we will want to record. Once we have gathered our facts and begun to ask questions, we will find that we are beginning to interpret. In other words, this happened because of, or this happened in this place because of; or this person seems to be demonstrating these characteristics..

When we finally have gathered all of our facts, done a fair amount of reading, and interpreting, it is time to write a sentence that will summarize our gleanings. As we do that together, we will see parts of the story to see how perfectly God has planned it for our life.

Following that, we will begin to see those principles that will guide us into a life that is forever changed by the Holy Spirit’s work. We also will glean ideas and begin to see the Holy Spirit’s Fruit that we can use to bring the unsaved/unbelieving to Christ through introducing Biblical Principles. Biblical Principles are those timeless truths that never change. We will record those on our worksheet as well because those are the crux of our teaching. The last item on our list are aims. Aims have a three fold focus just as we are created in God’s image as a three fold being. So we will learn how to write aims that will touch our mind, our heart, and show us how to live it out in everyday life.

Slide 5: Every course needs an outline and in this one our outline for our first step is found on slide 5. We want to know the premises of Bible Study and its Rationale. The dictionary defines premise as: a proposition supporting or helping to support a conclusion. Rationale is: [the fundamental reason](#) or reasons serving to account for something.

By being a detective we will actually do this step in asking the “5W&H” questions. Then we will have some practice exercises to test our understanding.

Slide 6: As we said in our introduction, Jesus has commanded us to go forth to be His witnesses. The Apostle John records the words of Jesus “I tell you the solemn truth, the person who believes in me will perform the miraculous deeds that I am doing, and will perform greater deeds than these, because I am going to the Father.” (John 14:12) These greater deeds are what Jesus was referring to when He gave the Great Commission: go make disciples, baptize and teach. In addition as He was ascending he told the disciples that they were to “be his witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth.” [Acts 1:8]. We can only be His witnesses when we know Him, secondly when we know his teachings and thirdly when we are obedient to these two commands. The question before is is this: Will you consider being obedient witnesses? Move to slide 7

Slide 7: Your first assignment is to memorize the verse you see on this slide. Memorize it, hide it in your heart, pray over it and ask God to show you His Jerusalem for you. A

former co-worker of mine many years ago spoke on the character of God and how He responds when we obey. The title of her talk was “Expect God to Act and He will.” It is so very true. If you will trust Him, He will open your eyes to see your Jerusalem and you will do even greater works than He did and the kingdom will grow exponentially.

Why is this so important? Remember what Paul told the churches? They were dead...but now are alive. How did that happen? It happened because Paul was obedient to that command to be Christ’s witness. He found his Jerusalem and because of his love for his countrymen he wrote: [Rom 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed – cut off from Christ – for the sake of my people, my fellow countrymen](#), and beyond (Samaria and beyond) Now I am speaking to you Gentiles, seeing that I am an apostle to the Gentiles.[Rom11:13] Paul went because he knew that without Christ they would enter eternity separated forever from God because of their sin. Is your heart broken like Paul’s? Are you ready to step out and be Christ’s witness?

Slide 8: To be a witness you must have a purpose as we just discussed. Our purpose is to draw men to Christ so we can make disciples. Christ also gave us His purpose; that we as His disciple would be like Him, not Him--- but like Him. To be like Him we have to have that same focus we talked about in our introduction said by Adoniram Judson. We must want to be His disciple, we must want to be like Christ. We must be fully trained. To do that we must have a plan. That is what this course is all about, the plan to become a disciple of Christ and His witness.

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Slide 9: Now it is time to stop, ponder, pray, and commit to this study --- if it is God’s will for you at this time. Take out your journal, set aside some time to pray through Acts 1:8 and see if this is what God wants you to do.

Also take time to Write out your testimony (make a 3 point outline: before you trusted Christ, how you surrendered to Him, the difference since you have been walking with Him)

When you have finished this, please answer the questions at the end of chapter 1 and send a copy of your testimony and the chapter answers to SonShine.

End of Slide Lecture for Module 1.