

# **BIBLICAL STUDIES 'FOUNDATIONS' COURSE CURRICULUM**

## ***MODULES (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)***

### **Acts - 26h**

A study looking at how the Holy Spirit started and continues to build the church of Jesus Christ, noting how the Spirit used ordinary men and women with their ministries and lifestyle in establishing the church throughout the world. Special focus will be on understanding Acts as a transitional book, seeing how the Gospel spread from Jerusalem to the Gentile world, and how the church became a distinct entity from the nation of Israel. It will also be highlighted how Acts reveals the background for each of the epistles.

### **Anthropology - 8h**

This is a study of humanity's creation, nature and constitution both material and immaterial.

### **Bible Memory - 15h**

This module focuses on memorising individual verses and paragraphs.

### **Bible Study Methods – 10h**

This is a course to teach as simply as possible the tools necessary for understanding the Bible and applying it to one's life. Students will learn key principles for interpreting Scripture. Several different methods of study will be presented and put into practice using selected scripture passages.

### **Bibliology - 10h**

A study of how God revealed His word to us through inspiration, and its inerrancy. The canonisation of the Bible, its preservation, and how it is presently available to us in various versions.

### **Christology - 10h**

A study of the deity and humanity of Jesus Christ with a special focus on the "Kenosis".

### **Church History - 10h**

This class discusses the perversion that crept into the early church. We look at how the church fell away from being based only on Scripture. Most time is spent on the changes that took place during the reformation. Some time is spent bringing us into the modern church era.

### **Eschatology - 15h**

This class discusses end times events. Special attention will be given to various views held amongst evangelical Christians today. Specific topics covered are the second coming of Christ, the tribulation, Millennial Kingdom, new heavens and new earth. In addition, some time is spent on hell, judgements, resurrections and Satan.

### **Hamartiology - 5h**

This study covers the origin of sin in the heavenlies and on earth, consequences of sin and the divine permission of sin. Through a word study in the Old and New Testament a definition of sin will be developed. The extent of sin will be considered through inherited, imputed and personal sins before looking at depravity.

### **Hermeneutics – 7h**

An examination of our method of interpretation and some of the challenges we face in understanding the Bible. An overview of different hermeneutics that have historically been used to understand the Bible's meaning will be given. A comparison between allegorising and the literal method leads to emphasising the historical, cultural and literary context and a study of sound principles of interpretation, before considering some more difficult forms to interpret.

### **Inter-Testament History - 3h**

A short but interesting study on the 400 silent years between the Old and the New Testament. This study leads us up to the Life of Christ and explains synagogue life for Jews. We look at all the different sects of religious leaders in Israel such as the Pharisees, Sadducees and Zealots.

### **Life of Christ - 38h**

This study presents the life of Christ thematically and thus is to be viewed as complementary and supplementary. An attempt is made to harmonise the Gospels in such a way that we can trace the development of the life of Christ chronologically. This is to make clear the theme of the life of Christ.

### **Major Religions - 10h**

This is a study looking at the beliefs and practices of the world's major religions in the light of the Word of God, and considers how we can witness to their adherents.

### **Minor Prophets – 16h**

A study of the 12 Minor Prophets. Their writings were less in volume than the 5 Major Prophets but of no less importance and significance. Their prophetic themes not only addressed issues of their time but they spoke of things to come some of which have taken place and others that will most assuredly be fulfilled.

### **Missions - 8h**

This course takes a look at God's perspective on world evangelisation from the Bible. Some of the questions answered in this class are: Are the heathen really lost? What is the biblical basis for missions? Who are called to missionary service?

### **Old Testament History - 28h**

A survey through the Old Testament History books to develop a historical timeline from Joshua through to the return from the Exile with Ezra and Nehemiah. This will include the structure and overview of Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings while covering the major themes. Ruth will be related to Judges, 1 & 2 Chronicles will be touched on with some insight into comparisons and differences with 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings, while Ezra and Nehemiah will complete the Old Testament history as recorded in the Bible.

Attention will be given to leaders, nations (Israel and Judah), and the lives of some of the prophets while referencing the historical timing of other Old Testament prophets and the Davidic line.

### **Pentateuch - 47h**

The survey of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy lays the foundation for how God deals with both individual men and a nation. Topics discussed are: Creation, the flood, tower of Babel, Patriarchs, the Law, the tabernacle and God's deliverance of the nation of Israel from the bondage of Egypt to the entrance into the Promised Land.

### **Pneumatology - 11h**

The Holy Spirit is considered through His work in the Old and the New Testament. The study will include His titles, personality, deity, and the indwelling, sealing, anointing, and baptism of the in-Christ believer.

### **Practical Programme**

This normally runs three afternoons each week, and is a time when all students join together in a practical programme in which various tasks are given to assist in the practical running of the campus. It also provides useful experience in learning to apply Christian life principles at work and a practical opportunity to serve the Lord and each other.

### **Psalms - 12h**

An overview will be given of the history of the Psalms, including the 5 different divisions within the book of Psalms. We will also highlight key Psalms and key themes within the Book of Psalms. We will also learn about the various forms of poetry used in the Psalms, with the purpose of understanding them better.

### **Romans - 40h**

A study through the book of Romans looking at Paul's development of key

Biblical doctrines including the depravity and condemnation of humanity, justification, sanctification, and glorification, and God's purpose in history and vindication in regard to His dealing with Israel and the Gentiles. Theology lays a foundation for growth in grace and this good news is to be lived out practically in everyday life and ministry.

### **Theology - 14h**

A study establishing who God is and how He has revealed Himself to man. Consideration is given to the following topics: the names of God, God is spirit, God is a person, God is trinity, and the attributes of God.

### **OTHER**

Chapel/HTR – 2.5h per week

Fellowship Group – Monday evenings

\*h = class hour = 50 minutes