



Personal Bible Study II

A CLASSROOM WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE

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CORE TRAINING

Core Training is a training track of ten training experiences for everyone at Fellowship. These ten trainings are meant to provide a starting point for engaging life at Fellowship and growing into a prepared and equipped spiritual leader. Whether you are new to Fellowship or have been around for decades, The Training Center is the place to start growing and developing.

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

Panorama of the Bible

We Believe or Our Faith

Personal Bible Study

MISSION AND MINISTRY

Perspectives/GO Primer (coming 2019)

Leadership Lab

Great Commission: Evangelism & Discipleship (coming 2020)

LIFE AND GROWTH

Align Your Finances with the Heart of God

Re | Frame Family: Marriage and Parenting

Great Commandment: Worship, Prayer, and Spiritual Growth (coming 2021)

DISCOVER

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Preface

FOR MOST, THE BIBLE IS A PUZZLE, but that is more the result of our own neglect than the Lord’s intent. It is God’s desire to make Himself known. (He calls to us through the creation, He has sent prophets and preachers.) He sent His own Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, God incarnate, to reveal His person and His purpose, all so that we might have life, eternal and abundant.

Further, and more specifically, for the purposes of this course, He has given us His living Word recorded in the Scriptures—a revelation of Himself that is beyond marvelous. He only asks (commands) that we be diligent students who learn to rightly divide the Word of Truth.

That brings us back to “the puzzle.” How do we rightly divide, or better, put this picture of God and man back together in all of its fullness? Therein lies our purpose for this class. Even as a puzzle reveals itself progressively via corner pieces, straight edged sides, dominant color schemes, and fine detail to complete the picture, so there are steps to be taken to discover the full and clear picture of God and His plan for you and me.

This class will equip us with a process to master what is a puzzle for many.



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“O that God would grant that my commentaries and those of all other teachings were destroyed, and that every Christian took the Bible in his own hands, and read God’s Word for himself. You would then see that there is an infinite difference between the Word of God and the word of man... So dig deeper, ever deeper, my brethren. Let my explanations and those of others serve merely as scaffolding to the real building, in order that we may grasp the pure and sweet Word of God, and feed on it, and stand by it.”

—MARTIN LUTHER

Session One

CORNER PIECES



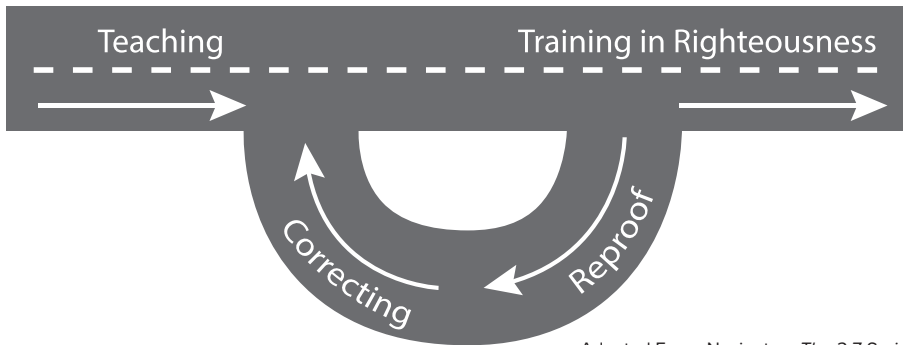
I. INTRODUCTION

A. The Value of the Word of God

1. 2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...

Benefit: _____



Adapted From: Navigators *The 2:7 Series*

“I hear
and I forget.”
“I see
and I remember.”
“I do
and I understand.”

One who uses the Bible as his guide never loses his sense of direction.

“Scripture is not in our power. It is not at the disposal of our intellect and is not obliged to render up its secrets to those who have theological training, merely because they are learned. Scripture imposes its own meaning; it binds the soul to God through faith. Because the initiative in the interpretation of Scripture remains in the hands of God, we must humble ourselves in His presence and pray that He will give understanding and wisdom to us as we meditate on the sacred text. While we may take courage from the thought that God gives understanding of Scripture to the humble, we should also heed the warning that the truth of God can never coexist with human pride. Humility is the hermeneutical precondition for authentic exegesis.”

—DAVID C. STEINMETZ

2. Hebrews 4:12 NASB

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Benefit: _____

3. Isaiah 66:2b

These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.

Benefit: _____

4. Joshua 1:8

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Benefit: _____

“The Bible is the Word of God in such a way that when the Bible speaks, God speaks.”
-B.B. WARFIELD

“There is more to Christian growth than knowing what the Bible says; nobody is ever nourished by memorizing menus.”
-JOHN BLANCHARD

The Bible

Number of Verses – 31,039

Number of Chapters – 1,189

Number of Verses per Chapter – 26.1

*To whom will he teach knowledge,
and to whom will he explain the message?
Those who are weaned from the milk,
those taken from the breast?*

*For it is precept upon precept,
precept upon precept,
line upon line, line upon line,
here a little, there a little.*

—ISAIAH 28:9-10 ESV

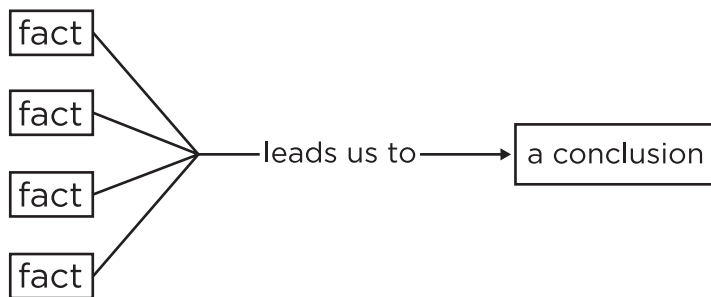
II. REVIEW: PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY (FIRST HAND JOY)

A. 5 Laws of Bible Study

5 LAWS OF BIBLE STUDY

1. Law of Observation: "What Do I See?"
2. Law of Interpretation: "What Does It Mean?"
3. Law of Application: "How Does It Work?"
4. Law of Correlation: "Where Does It Fit?"
5. Law of Communication: "How Do I Share?"

B. Inductive Bible study



“Knowledge that is self-discovered remains the longest in memory. There is no jewel more precious than that which you have mined yourself.”

—HOWARD HENDRICKS

...Discipline yourself for the purpose of Godliness...

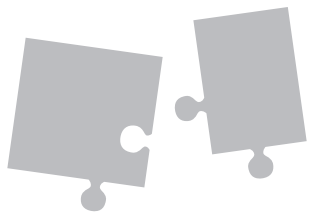
—1TIMOTHY 4:7b NASB

Surveying a Book

FIRST	THEN
The Whole	The Parts
Skyscraper View	Ground Level View
Panoramic Sweep	Microscopic Focus
Survey	Analyze

In the “skyscraper” view of the entire book, the primary task of the student is to observe the main trend of thought. General impressions are gathered in this cursory reading as the student recognizes atmosphere or mood, relative emphasis placed upon a subject, obvious compositional laws such as repetition and contrast, ideological train of thought, and anything of the unexpected (e.g. things that strike one for the first time).

—IRVING JENSEN, *Independent Bible Study*, 56



Third “Reading–Survey Observations

Book: _____

Author: _____

Recipients: _____

Key People: _____

Possible Purpose(s):

1. _____

2. _____

Themes:

1. _____

2. _____

Historical/Geographical Info:

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Who?

What?

When?

Where?

Why?

How?

