

# **Biblical Studies @ NTM European Training Centre, North Cotes.**

## **OUR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY:**

Our aim is to rightly interpret and honour God's word. We endeavour to communicate the Scriptures in an understandable way. Although we are unable to thoroughly examine every book of the Bible, we want our course of study to provide a solid basis upon which students can build throughout the rest of their lives. We are committed to allowing the Holy Spirit to use the teaching to change lives, including our own, to make a difference in our world. We desire the exaltation of the One who so loved that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

## ***Term 1 & 2***

### **Firm Foundations, Creation to Christ - 39h**

This course introduces and examines the background, concept and content of the "chronological approach" to evangelism and discipleship. Students participate by preparing and teaching brief lessons covering the redemptive highlights of the Old and New Testaments as presented in the text "Firm Foundations - Creation to Christ."

### **Pentateuch - 37h**

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.

### **Old Testament History - 26h**

A study of portions of Joshua, Judges, and 1 Samuel, from which we draw practical applications to our own life in the twenty-first century.

### **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 - 28h**

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.

### **Psalms - 8h**

An overview of the different divisions within the book of Psalms is given, highlighting key passages and themes. Each student will write an exposition of one psalm chosen by the instructor.

### **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.

### **How we got our Bible - 10h**

This is a brief study of how God gave us His word, which is presently available to us in various versions of the Bible.

### **Doctrine I, God - 10h**

Basic study establishing who God is and how He has revealed Himself to man. Consideration is given to the fact of God being invisible and yet He has been seen.

### **Doctrine I, Christ - 10h**

A brief study that includes an examination of the "Kenosis" theory and the question of 'Could Christ have sinned?'

### **Doctrine I, Holy Spirit - 6h**

The Holy Spirit is considered through His work in the Old and the New Testament, giving some time to consider the baptism in the Spirit.

### **Missions - 5h**

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?

### **Each One Reach One, Each One Teach One - 8h**

An examination of the "Who, What, Where, Why" of our Lord's Great Commission, with specific and detailed attention given to the "How" of evangelism and discipling. This highly motivational study clearly emphasises the priority and practice of personal evangelism and one-to-one discipling in ministry both at home and abroad.

## **Term 3 & 4**

### **Acts - 18h**

We will be 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. Acts reveals the background for each of the epistles.

### **Epistle Survey - 4h**

Typically both Paul's epistles and the general epistles are studied by order of canon (how they are placed in the Bible). This class takes a brief look at all the epistles in the order they were written chronologically, thus giving us some insight into actual chronological teaching of church growth among the early church.

### **Romans - 50h**

The study of this book occupies a major part of the second term. Understanding is sought of justification by faith alone and the consequences of that in the life and walk of the believer.

### **1 Corinthians - 34h**

A study of 1 Corinthians deals with the issues of carnality in the Church. We look at many of the major issues of division within this early church, and how many of these issues are still valid today. Other discussions include misuse of Christian liberty, body function, taking believers to court, church discipline, marriage, divorce, remarriage, legalism, the Lord's table, spiritual gifts, tongues and the resurrection.

### **1 & 2 Thessalonians - 15h**

The coming of the Lord, focusing especially on the Rapture of the Church, and how this relates to the Day of the Lord, and many other important principles of Christian living and ministry, are emphasised in the study of these letters.

### **Tabernacle – 4h**

A study of God's dwelling place in the midst of his people. It shows how we can approach and have fellowship with a holy God. We see how the tabernacle is an object lesson of the personal work of Jesus Christ.

### **Minor Prophets - 20h**

This study consists of the *Book of the Twelve* from the Jewish Scriptures. It is probably the most neglected section of Scripture found in the Bible. The Minor Prophets are not minor in the sense of being less important. They are very important as they clearly present the restoration and salvation of the nation of Israel.

## **Doctrine II, Man - 10h**

This is an in-depth study of man's creation, nature and constitution both material and immaterial.

## **Doctrine II, Sin - 5h**

In order to adequately understand salvation, one must have a proper concept of the doctrine of sin. This study covers the divine permission of sin; its origin in the heavenlies and on earth; as well as the transmission of inherited and imputed sin. God's estimation of sin and His remedy for sin is also covered.

## **Doctrine II, Salvation - 4h**

From God's perspective, salvation includes the total work of God in bringing people from death to eternal life. From the human perspective it incorporates all of the blessings that being in Christ brings, both in this life and the life to come.

## **Doctrine III, End Times - 10h**

This class discusses end times events. Special attention is 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. Also some time is spent on hell, judgements, resurrections and Satan.

## **Jesus Prepares His Disciples for the Church Age – John 13-17 10h**

Jesus begins to teach the disciples church truth to help prepare them for his departure. He covers their attitude for service; His promise of coming again; the coming of the Holy Spirit and His ministry; the necessity of abiding in Christ, the world's hatred for Christ and he promises to leave them real peace. Jesus finishes with prayer for the disciples and for all who will believe through their word.

## **Major Religions and Cults - 10h**

This is an interactive class covering the beliefs and practices of the major religions and cults in light of the Word of God and how we can witness to their adherents. The course material is supported with relevant videos.

## ***Term 5 & 6***

### **Galatians - 22h**

This study looks at the meaning of the Gospel, including consideration of the problems of legalism.

### **Ephesians - 20h**

The first three chapters in this epistle teach us who we are in Christ. Chapters 4 through 6 then discuss how we should live our lives in light of this. Special attention is given to Paul's two prayers and the armour of God.

## **2 Corinthians - 10h**

The second epistle to the Corinthians shows how Paul struggles to bring a wayward church back to loyalty to Christ and to himself. This is the most personal of Paul's letters, revealing the heart of the apostle, the message God had given him and the cost in getting this message out. The book deals with false prophets and also the grace of giving financially.

## **Titus -6h**

This book gives us the qualifications of church leadership and the qualities to be found in the people of the church. The gospel of grace is explained and an emphasis on the importance of good works.

## **Daniel - 12h**

This is a study of the prophecies of the book of Daniel through which God reveals the course of Gentile world power; the relationship of Israel to this course; her liberation from this power at the Second Coming of Christ and the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom.

## **Revelation - 18h**

In the book of Revelation we build upon the foundation of Daniel as we consider the completion of the testimony of the true Church; the judgment of both the false religious system of this world and its commercial and political system during the Tribulation; the Millennial Kingdom; the final destiny of Satan, his demons and all unbelievers; and the New Heaven and New Earth.

## **Philippians - 10h**

Paul's letter to the church at Philippi was to thank them for their help and to encourage them to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. To walk with the Lord produces joy and joy is emphasised and encouraged throughout this letter.

## **Colossians - 10h**

Along with a focus on the believer's daily walk, many important Christian doctrines within the context of Christian living are discussed.

## **1 Timothy - 12h**

This study discovers something of God's mind for behaviour in the church meeting and some of the expectations and responsibilities such meetings should have.

## **2 Timothy - 7h**

This is the final, inspired letter written by Paul while awaiting execution. We examine his concerns and his confidence for the ongoing spread of the gospel through the early church.

## **Hebrews - 24h**

The superiority of Christ is highlighted in this course, along with an understanding of the walk of faith, the better ministry and the better covenant established by Christ.

## **James - 10h**

This study focuses on various practical truths for the everyday walk of the believer. Time is also given for what is revealed concerning the tongue, the problem and how to deal with it. (As revealed in chapters 3 and 4)

## **1 Peter - 8h**

First Peter was written to Christians who were experiencing various forms of persecution. Peter encouraged these Christians to steadfast endurance. Peter's warm expressions along with his practical instructions make this epistle an encouragement for all believers who live in conflict with their culture.

## **Isaiah - 15h**

This book shows us so clearly that God has not finished with His people Israel. Even though in Isaiah's time He called in vain for them to repent, He still promised to send them a Messiah who would first come to offer Himself as a sacrifice for their sin, and then later, in what is still future, would return as King to restore Israel to Himself by faith, making Israel the glory of the earth. All of the promises made to the patriarchs will be wonderfully fulfilled in His Kingdom.

## **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.

## ***All Terms***

## **Christian Life – 18h**

Learning what it means to say "Not I, but Christ." A life of dependence on His Spirit directed by His Word and evidenced by His life in my daily attitudes and actions. We look at topics like: the Gospel, our testimony, sin, walking in the Spirit, forgiveness, personal relationships, etc.

## **Memory - 10h per term**

The purpose for the memory class is expressed by the psalmist as, "Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You" (Ps. 119:11, NASB). We memorise selected verses from the Bible, relating to the topics of study for that term and the book of Philippians. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

mornings for 20 minutes we write out the verses for that day and grade them together. Following this we have oral review where the class is divided into two teams and we give points for each verse or testimony.

### **N.T. Greek**

We offer an optional New Testament Greek module of 34 lectures (one per week), using power points, computer sound files and up-to-date language learning techniques. The student concentrates on learning vocabulary and forms common in the New Testament. It is a good introduction that will enable the student to read and understand large portions of the Greek New Testament.

### **Practical Programme - 9 Hours each week**

The practical programme exists so that students can put into practice what is taught in other classes like the development of godly character and attitudes, faithfulness in doing things that may be a challenge and improving teamwork skills. The work that is achieved around the campus in this class saves the mission contracting work out, which in turn keeps student fees to a minimum.

\*h = class hour = 50 minutes