

West Hyattsville Baptist Church
Weekly Bible Study Course Outline

Course: Bible Basics: Getting Acquainted with The Bible

Duration: Every Wednesday beginning January 9, 2019 (6-8 weeks)

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Place: Eric L. David Fellowship Hall, WHBC

Primary Texts:

The Bible (NIV)

Getting Acquainted with The Bible, Herschel H. Hobbs.

Introducing Christian Doctrine, 2nd edition, Millard J. Erickson.

Living Faith, An Introduction to Theology, Eileen Flynn and Gloria Thomas.

Facilitator: Emmett L. Dunn, Pastor

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Overview: This course is designed to offer basic tools in assisting participants develop a proper understanding of the Bible. It will cover biblical history, authorships, scriptural authority, relevancy, and interpretation. After completing this study, participants should be able to do the following:

1. Explain the difference between inspired and uninspired
2. Define the word authority in relations to the Bible
3. Identify the ways in which the meaning of Scripture is established through the divine origin and authority of the Holy Spirit
4. Distinguish between the objective and subjective components of authority
5. Identify the different categories of the Bible
6. Explain how we got the Bible

Introduction:

1. What is the Bible?
2. How did we get the Bible?
3. Is the Bible still relevant in 2019?

The Bible: A Unique Book

1. Revelation
2. Inspiration
3. Illumination

The Bible: History

1. Definition of History
2. Divine Philosophy of History
3. History Within History
4. Key to Understanding Biblical History: *What is the meaning of all this?*

The Bible: Archaeology

1. Definition of Archaeology
2. Biblical Criticism
3. Dead Sea Scrolls
4. Inscriptions

The Bible: Languages

The Bible: Authorship and Authority

1. Authors: Man, or God?
2. Religious Authority
3. The internal workings of the Holy Spirit
4. Objective and Subjective Components of Authority
5. The Bible and Reason
6. Historical and Normative Authority: *What did the bible mean then and what does it mean now*

The Bible: An Overview

1. The Old Testament
 - a. The Torah
 - b. The Historical Books
 - c. The Prophetic Books
 - d. Poetry and Wisdom Literature
2. The New Testament
 - a. The Gospels
 - b. History
 - c. Paul's Epistles
 - d. General Epistles
 - e. Apocalyptic Literature

Conclusion: The Importance of scripture in the life of the church/believer