

Course Syllabus

I. Course Description: The Inductive Bible Study course seeks to equip the learner with the Inductive Method to the studying of Scripture. In the process, learners will increasingly love God's Word, demonstrate proficiency in creative Bible Study, utilize the Inductive Method in their daily devotional time, apply basic principles of interpretation of Scripture and recognize the improper application of those principles, and effectively communicate and apply God's Word in a life-related context.

II. Course Outline:

Where are we going?

Habits that will Change your Life

Observation – "What Does it Say?"

Developing a Book Chart

The Big Picture

Observing Details

Interpretation – "What Does it Mean?"

General Principles of Interpretation

Special Areas of Interpretation

Process of Interpretation

Interpretation and Grammar

Using Bible Study Tools

Application – "How Do I Do it?"

Perils of Application

How to Study a Subject (Topical Studies)

How to Study a Person (Biographical Studies)

III. Course Schedule (there will be a 5-10 minute break for every 60-90 minutes of session):

Saturday, Mar 1 2:00-7:30 pm (Sessions & Tea Break)

Sunday, Mar 2 12:30 1:30 pm (Lunch provided)

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IV. Course Texts (Required Reading):

What the Bible is All About by Henrietta Mears. 2nd ed. Gospel Light Publishers, 2002.

How to Study Your Bible: The Lasting Rewards of the Inductive Approach by Kay Arthur. Harvest House, 2001.

Sermons on Colossians by John Piper.
<http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/sermons/by-scripture/colossians>
(softcopy available on request)

V. Assignments

1. Reading Assignment – Read the Sermon on Colossians **by 1 March 2014 (prior to the start of session)**. Read the other prescribed texts and submit a signed declaration of completion of reading by **May 2, 2014**.
2. Written Assignment – Read the book of Colossians twice and develop the following in a type-written report:
 - a. Book Chart of Colossians (follow instructions given in class session on Developing a Book Chart)
 - b. Detailed study of Colossians 3:1-4 utilizing the procedure of Observation and Interpretation described and demonstrated in the class sessions
 - c. One page (at least) on lessons learned and the decision made to implement the passage in your life

Assignment is due by **May 2, 2014**.

VI. Venue & Cost

1. Venue: Emmanuel Methodist Church, 7-4, Jalan PJU 1/39, Dataran Prima, 47301 Petaling Jaya.
2. Cost: RM30 per head (includes session notes and meals)

VII. Contact

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