

Adult Bible Study 2021-22

“Walk Thru the Bible”

Connecting the Word of God to Itself so we can connect it to our lives.

(A 20 min video segment will be recorded so people can use it as small group material if they wish; lesson sheets will also be developed and placed online so that people can print them or pull them up on their phones at the study time.)

August-

8th-intro, does it fit together? History, geography, hermeneutics and apologetics

22nd-Where does it start? Genesis and ancient man (1-11)

September-

12th-Patriarchs

26th-Exodus to Conquest

October-

10th-Deliverers

24th-Kings of the United Kingdom

November-

14th-It all falls apart—the Divided Kingdom

28th-Divided Kingdom part 2

December-

(no ABS due to holiday events)

January-

9th-The Fall and the Exile

23rd-Coming Home-the return from exile

February-

13th-Between the Testaments

27th-The King is Coming-The life of Christ, part one

March-

13th-Life of Christ, part two

27th-The Church begins (Acts)

April-

10th-Paul’s ministry

24th-John’s ministry

May-

(No 2nd Sunday ABS due to Mother’s Day)

22nd-The knot that holds it together (review)

August 8th

Does it fit together?

Open questions—

1. What is the hardest thing you ever tried to put together?

Did you figure it out, or have to give up?

2. How hard do you find it to read the Bible and make sense of it?

Dig Questions—

1. Why do I need to know and understand the Bible? Read Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 119:1-12, 105.

2. How much do you know about the Bible? Can you name the books? Major characters/stories in each book? Do you understand how the Bible coincides with world history and geography?

3. Does the Bible have a theme, or a thread that runs throughout? What would it be? Read Hebrews 1:1-2, Matthew 5:17-18, John 20:30-31.

Reflect questions—

1. Do I see the Bible as “the greatest book in the world”? But do I also find it very hard to find time, or even the want to include it in my life and my day?

2. Am I willing to put in the time and effort to get to know God Word and to make it a part of my daily life? Is allowing God to speak to me through His written Word a priority for my life?

3. What time will I set aside for reading? For more in-depth study? To meditate on it so I can incorporate God’s precepts and commands into my world?

August 8th notes

Read “The Anvil of God’s Word”, front cover of “*The Bible and You*” by Arthur Maxwell

The difficulty of reading the Bible—hard, complex, from ancient texts and times and cultures; also doesn’t often coincide with how we view the world (our skewed, sinful ways), so it goes against the way we naturally think or what to act.

Satan’s lies—“It’s too hard; it’s a lie, you can’t trust it; you’re too dumb to read it, understand it, too sinful for it to work”

Parable of the sower and the seed—we are the soil; all soil can produce, just some needs worked on to make it ready for planting—remove the rocks, pull or spray the weeds, plow it deep so the seed isn’t found easy. We CAN be good soil!

One key to making the Bible more understandable is seeing how it fits together

It’s a book that describes God’s relationship with man—God made you, gave you a choice how to live; we sinned; and ever since then He has been crafting a plan to save all mankind—Adam’s offspring, Abraham’s offspring, David’s offspring—a law to show us we cannot be perfect, that we cannot save ourselves, but through a gift of God that He gave us, paying the price for us. (read Romans 3:19-26) God brought us back into that relationship with Him so that we might live with Him forever. That’s Genesis to Revelation.

Read about the farmer’s buried treasure, Maxwell, pg. 22
Matthew 13:44-46