

Bethel Bible Series

Orientation

Week 0

Welcome & Announcements

Sign-in and Pay (\$30 for Old Testament Set)

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Introductions

Give name, time as member of this church, and what you expect to get out of the Bethel study

Lesson

What Is Bethel?

A Description and Statement of Its Objectives

Aimed at the adult mind

Provides knowledge basis of the Scriptures

Refers to Bible, not commentary

Provides an overview

Builds base for future in-depth study

Provides retainer tools (pictures & concepts)

Lecture oriented with discussion

What Bethel is not

Seminar series

Survey course

In-depth analysis

Final study

Principles of Interpreting the Bible

Limitation Principle

Historical Principle

Literary Principle

Religious vs. Scientific Principle

Shelf Principle

Law / Gospel Principle

Hebrew vs. Greek Thought Principle

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How to Get the Most out of your Experience

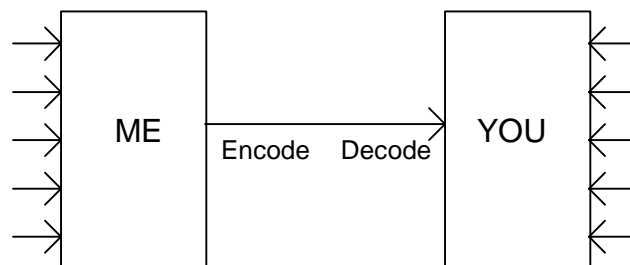
- A good study Bible (NIV is recommended)
 - Bible on tape helps if you're time-constrained
- Attend class every week
 - Class notes elaborate on & go beyond handouts
- Commit yourself to home study
 - You get out what you put in*
 - Read handouts
 - Review notes in light of handouts
 - Read assigned Bible sections
 - Complete homework
 - Become familiar with pictures & memory concepts
- Stick with the program. Persevere.
- Enjoy the Fellowship

Regular Class Agenda

- 9:10 Pick up Bible Reading slips & Handout
- 9:15 Announcements, Prayer Requests, Concerns, etc.
- 9:20 Review of studies to date
- 9:40 Current week's material
- 10:30 Distribute Bethel Handouts and Homework

Think Hebrew

- Look for the CARGO.
 - Don't focus on the VEHICLE.
- I've never killed a chicken for my dinner...*
- Words are the Vehicle. Listen for the Cargo.



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Cargo of the Bible

HIS STORY

God works His Plan through & with people

Examples in Historical Events

The Exodus Event (Exodus, Joshua)

Vehicles:

Cargo:

Abraham & Lot (Genesis 13, 19)

Vehicles:

Cargo:

Examples in Peoples' Lives

Joseph (Genesis 37-50)

Vehicles:

Cargo:

Moses (Exodus, 2:1-3:10)

Vehicles:

Cargo:

Paul (Acts & Epistles, Acts 9:1-19)

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Cargo:

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Distribute Notebooks & Homework

Next Week - *Creation and its Concepts*

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Hebrew vs. Greek Thought

Hebrew (Eastern)

Corporate
Concrete
Non-Systematic
Paradox
Religious Definition
Allusion to Things
Numbers used as Ideas
Reality Found in History
Time is Linear
Cargo (Meaning Behind a Story)
Eye
2 Dogs Killed a Lion
Evil == Snake
Live in Time
Passive, Likes to Contemplate
Accept World as it is
Live in Peace with Nature
Freedom of Silence
Marry first, Then love
Conceal love from world
Desire to want less
Austerity
Poverty is spiritual elevation

Greek (Western)

Individual
Abstract
Systematic
Syllogism (Logic)
Scientific Understanding
Everything is Defined
Numbers are Quantitative
Reality Found in Eternity
Time is Cyclical
Vehicle (Details of a Story)
Ear
In Union There is Strength
Evil - 20 Definitions in Dictionary
Live in Space
Aggressive, Likes to Act
Try to Change the World
Try to Impose on Nature
Freedom of Speech
Love first, Then marry
Show love to the world
Desire to want more
Gracious living
Poverty is degradation