

## **Bible Study Plan**

(Adapted from Bro. Willie Ivey, Carbondale, IL 1988, *Revised 2023*)

### **I. Love**

- A.** Do you love God? (**Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37**)
- B.** Do you believe that God loves you? (**John 3:16**)
- C.** Do you want to go to heaven? (**Genesis 1:1, Philippians 3:20**)
- D.** Do you believe that the Bible is right? (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**)
- E.** How well do you think you understand the Bible? (**Proverbs 4:7**)

### **II. Inview**

- A.** Personal Religious beliefs & background
  - 1. What church do you belong to? (**Romans 16:16**)
  - 2. What are the requirements to become a member of that church?
    - 1. Hear (**Matthew 17:5**)
    - 2. Believe (**Mark 16:16**)
    - 3. Repent (**Luke 13:3, 5**)
    - 4. Confess (**Matthew 10:32-33**)
    - 5. Baptism (**Acts 2:38, Acts 8:38**)
    - 6. Lifetime of Faithful Service to God (**Hebrews 10:25, Revelation 2:10**)
- B.** Biblical Practices - What's included in worship? (**Acts 20:7**)
  - 1. Singing (**Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16**)
  - 2. Praying (**1 Corinthians 14:15**)
  - 3. Communing (**1 Corinthians 11:23-29**)
  - 4. Giving (**1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**)
  - 5. Teaching (**Romans 10:14-15**)

### **III. Bible Overview**

- A.** Old Testament (39 books)
  - 1. Law (**Genesis-Deuteronomy**)
  - 2. History (**Joshua-Esther**)
  - 3. Poetry (**Job-Song of Solomon**)
  - 4. Major Prophets (**Isaiah-Daniel**)
  - 5. Minor Prophets (**Hosea-Malachi**)
- B.** New Testament (27 books)
  - 1. Gospel (**Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**)
  - 2. History (**The Acts of the Apostles**)
  - 3. Paul's Epistles (**Romans-Philemon**)
  - 4. General Letters (**Hebrews-Jude**)
  - 5. Prophecy (**Revelation**)

### **IV. Biblical Authority**

- A.** No private interpretation (**2 Peter 1:20-21**)

**B. Answers to everything we need to know (2 Peter 1:3, Titus 2:11-12, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)**

**V. Christ's Great Commission to Save Souls**

- A. Go>Teach>Baptize>Teach (**Matthew 28:18-20**)
- B. Go>Preach>Believe>Baptize = Salvation (**Mark 16:15-16**)  
Pentecost (**Acts 2:36-47**)
  - 1. Samaria, Simon (**Acts 8:4-13**)
  - 2. Desert, Ethiopian Nobleman (**Acts 8:26-40**)
  - 3. Philippi, Lydia (**Acts 16:13-15**)
  - 4. Philippi, Jailer (**Acts 16:23-34**)
  - 5. Disciples (**Acts 19:1-5**)

**VI. The Church in the Bible**

- 1. Prophecy (**Isaiah 2:1-4, Daniel 2:44**)
- 2. The church built by Christ (**Matthew 16:18**)
- 3. The church body (**Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 4:4**)
- 4. The church as the bride of Christ (**Ephesians 5:22-25**)
- 5. The church as the house of God (**1 Timothy 3:15**)

**VII. The Church Name**

- A. The Bible identifies one church by name (**Romans 16:16**)
- B. Salvation in only one name (**Acts 4:11-12**)

**VIII. Significant Women in the Bible**

- A Jochebed (**Exodus 2:1-10**)
- B Sarai/Sarah (**Genesis 17:15**)
- C Ruth (**Ruth 1:1-22**)
- D Mary (**Matthew 1:18-25**)
- E The Samaritan Woman @ the Well (**John 4:6-41**)
- F Lois & Eunice (**2 Timothy 1:5**)

**C. Significant Numbers in the Bible**

- A. One (1): **Ephesians 4:5-6, Matthew 16:18**
- B. Two (2): **Genesis 6:19-20; 8:14-17, Exodus 31:18, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**
- C. Three (3): **1 Samuel 3:1-8, Daniel 6;10-28, 2 Corinthians 3:14,**
- D. Seven (7): **Genesis 2:2; 7:2-4; 8:4; 10-12, Revelation 1:4; 11 (PPELTSS); 12; 20, Revelation 21:9**
- E. Twelve (12): **Genesis 35:23-26, Mark 3:14-19, Luke 2:42**
- F. Forty (40): **Genesis 7:12, 2 Samuel 5:4, Matthew 4:2**

**D. The Twelve (12) Tribes of Israel (Genesis 35:22-26)**

**E. The Ten (10) Plagues of Egypt (Exodus 7-11)**

- **B, F, L/G, F, L, B, H, L, D, D**

**F. The Twelve (12) Apostles (Mark 3:13-19)**

- P, J, J, A, P, B, M, T, J, T, S, J

**G. Eternity in the Bible**

- A. Ecclesiastes 3:1**
- B. Matthew 25:41-46**
- C. Revelation 7:9-10**

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