

Bible Survey V Syllabus

Synoptic Gospels - Ephesians

Course Description:

Bible Survey V is a 13-week course providing an overview of the first half of the New Testament. In the gospels, it will mainly focus on Mark. The similarities and differences between this book and the gospels of Matthew and Luke will be discussed. In the epistles, the primary doctrines and flow of the book will be emphasized. Each class will cover approximately 8 chapters. Worksheets will be provided. Class time will be spent in lecture and discussion.

Course Objectives: Bible Survey V will provide an overview of Matthew through Ephesians, covering:

- primary characters and events
- book outline, theme, and purpose
- important doctrines
- personal and ministry applications

General Requirements

This course is open to anyone who would like to participate. It is recommended that students read the assigned passage each week before class.

U.O.A. Requirements

Grace Bible Chapel and Hillview Bible Chapel together participate in an adult training curriculum called the *University of A.C.T.S.* The acronym stands for *Adult in-Church Training for Service*. This multi-phase program is designed to ground new believers in the Christian faith, to help them to grow in Christ-like maturity, and to prepare them for ministry. Bible Survey V requirements for U.O.A. students and those wishing UOA credit for the class are as follows:

- attend each of the 13 classes, missing no more than three classes
- read the weekly assignment
- complete a weekly worksheet
- prepare for and take a final examination

Textbooks Recommended in addition to the Scriptures

Talk Thru the Bible, Wilkinson and Boa (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1983)
The Believer's Bible Commentary, MacDonald (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers)

Class Details

Location: Hillview Bible Chapel, Main Auditorium

Time: 7-8:30 PM

Day of Week: Wednesday

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Reading Assignment

Class	Date	Passage
1		Mark 1-6
2		Mark 7-10
3		Mark 11-16
4		Acts 1-12
5		Acts 13-28 & Review Contest
6		Romans 1-8
7		Romans 9-16
8		1 Corinthians 1-10
9		1 Corinthians 11-16
10		2 Corinthians
11		Galatians
12		Ephesians
13		Review & Final

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Class 1 — Mark 1-6

Discussion Questions

1. What are the first recorded words of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark? What does this tell us about what our message should be?

2. List the events associated with Jesus' ministry on of the "busy day" of Mark 1:21-34.

What did Jesus do first thing the next day?

Are busyness or fatigue legitimate reasons for skipping our commitment to meet with God?

3. What is Jesus' point in the illustrations of the patch of unshrunk cloth and the new wine (Mark 2:21-22)? (Hint: consider the context)

4. Though Jesus knew that healing the man on the Sabbath would anger the Pharisees, he did it anyway (Mark 3:1-6). List His reasons.

5. According to Jesus, what is the sin that will never be forgiven (Mark 3:29)? Describe the sin, carefully looking at the context.

6. List the lessons for us in the calming of the wind and the sea (Mark 4:35-41). What other miracles related to the sea are recorded in Mark 6? Why might Jesus have chosen to do these marine related miracles?

Things to Know and Remember

People: Andrew, Beelzebul, Gerasenes, Jairus, James, John the Apostle, John the Baptist, King Herod, Herodians, Herodias, Pharisees, scribes, Simon, Zebedee, List of the 12 Apostles

Places: Bethsaida, Capernaum, Decapolis, Galilee, Gennesaret, Idumea, Jerusalem, Jordan, Nazareth

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Class 3 — Mark 11-16

Discussion Questions

1. Why did Jesus curse the fig tree (Mark 11:12-14)? Was it an act meant to symbolize something? If so, what?

2. Explain the parable of the vineyard (Mark 12:1-12).

3. In view of the end-time events described in Mark 13, what does Jesus tell His listeners to do?

4. List the references in the Gospel of Mark that report the following events:

the Last Supper

Jesus prays in Gethsemane

Jesus is arrested

Jesus' trial before the high priest

Peter's denial of Jesus

Jesus' trial before Pilate

Jesus' crucifixion

Jesus' burial

Jesus' resurrection

Things to Know and Remember

People: Caiaphas, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalene, Pilate, Sadducees

Places: Bethany, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane

Terms: Hosanna

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Class 6 — Romans 1 - 8

Discussion Questions

1. The theme of Paul's letter to the Romans is found in Romans 1:16-17. Restate it in your own words.

2. Paul shows in Romans 1:18-3:18 that all the world is "accountable to God" (Romans 3:19). Of what specific sins does he indict the following groups.
 - A. the heathen 1:18-32

 - B. the moralist 2:1-16

 - C. the Jew 2:17-3:18

3. Summarize the way of salvation as taught in Romans 3:19-31, stating what it is and what it is not.

4. Sanctification is the process by which the born-again believer becomes more like Christ. What is our responsibility in overcoming sin according to Romans 6:1-14?

5. According to Romans 7, why are Christians still tempted to sin?

6. List the ways the Holy Spirit helps us to live holier lives (Romans 8).

Things to Know and Remember

Outline of Romans

- I Introduction 1a
- II Paul's Gospel—Doctrine 1b-11
 - A. Theme 1b
 - B. Condemnation 1c-3a
 - C. Justification 3b-5
 - D. Sanctification 6-8
 - E. Explanation of Israel's Failure 9-11
- III Exhortation to Righteousness—Practice 12-15a
- IV Closing Remarks 15b-16

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Class 7 — Romans 9-16

Discussion Questions

1. Romans 9:1-6 raises an issue which Paul then answers in chapters 9 through 11. What is the question that he raises and then answers?

2. In one to three sentences, summarize Paul's answer to the question of Romans 9:1-6.

3. What sin is warned against in Romans 12:3-8?

4. What is our responsibility to the government of our land according to Romans 13:1-7?

5. What is the main point of Romans 14:1-15:13?

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Class 8 — 1 Corinthians 1-10

Discussion Questions

1. Paul uses the first four chapters of his letter to the Corinthians to address the divisions in their midst. It is not always easy, however, to see how each of the arguments in these chapters relates to the problem. List one point from each of the first four chapters and explain what it has to do with division in the local assembly.

2. What does Paul instruct the Corinthians do with the man guilty of incest (1 Corinthians 5:1-13)?

3. What two options does Paul give the person who has been defrauded by another Christian (1 Corinthians 6:1-8)? What option do the Scriptures forbid?

4. What unique aspect of sexual immorality does Paul point out to the Corinthians in explaining to them its evil nature (1 Corinthians 6:9-20)?

5. What instruction does Paul give to a Christian whose marriage is falling apart (1 Corinthians 7:1-7)?

6. Does Paul say that a Christian can or cannot eat meat that has been sacrificed to an idol (1 Corinthians 8-10)?

memorize the following outline of 1 Corinthians

Outline

- I. Introduction 1a
- II. Reproof and Correction 1b-6
 - A. Division 1b-4
 - B. Incest 5
 - C. Lawsuits 6a
 - D. Sexual Immorality 6b
- III. Clarification 7-15
 - A. Celibacy and Marriage 7
 - B. Food Sacrificed to Idols 8-10
 - C. Head Coverings 11a
 - D. Lord's Supper 11b
 - E. Spiritual Gifts 12-14
 - F. The Resurrection 15
- IV. Closing Remarks 16

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Class 9 — 1 Corinthians 11-16

Discussion Questions

1. List three reasons that Paul gives for why women should cover their heads when praying and prophesying and men should uncover theirs (1 Corinthians 11:1-16).

2. Make a list of the spiritual gifts found in 1 Corinthians 12. Circle the one you feel most closely describes your area of gift.

3. Why is 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter, placed in the middle of a section on spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12-14)?

4. What do we learn about the proper use of the gift of tongues in 1 Corinthians 12-14?

5. List three reasons that Paul gives for why we as Christians believe we will be resurrected (1 Corinthians 15).

