

# Principles of Bible Study

Six-Week Wednesday Series

## Weekly Outline:

1. The Truth about the Bible
2. Redemptive Historical Narrative
3. Observation
4. Interpretation
5. Application/Building Lessons
6. Practical Bible Study Plan

## Purpose:

The purpose of this course is to equip Christians with the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively approach, carefully observe, properly interpret, and appropriately apply the Scriptures, both for their own personal growth, and in preparation to “teach others also.”

## Bibliography/Suggested Resources:

Hendricks, Howard. Living by the Book. Chicago: Moody Press, 2007.

Swindoll, Chuck. Searching the Scriptures. Tyndale House Publishers, 2016.

Stott, John R.W. Understanding the Bible. Zondervan Publishers, 1972.

Mel, Lawrenz. How to Understand the Bible. WordWay Resources LLC, 2014.

The Bible Project. Retrieved from <https://www.thebibleproject.com>

Inductive Bible Study. Retrieved from [http://www.preceptaustin.org/inductive\\_bible\\_study](http://www.preceptaustin.org/inductive_bible_study)

Cary Schmidt. Biblically Literate. Retrieved from: <https://ebcnewington.com/messages/biblicallyliterate/>

# The Truth about the Bible

## Lesson One

### Two types of truth:

1. Objective/\_\_\_\_\_
2. Subjective/\_\_\_\_\_

### Three components of truth:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Satisfies the demands of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - It's \_\_\_\_\_
  - Without the other two, you'll have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ people who do nothing but study
2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Satisfies the demands of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - We are not to be ruled by emotions, and we cannot base \_\_\_\_\_ on emotion
  - Without the other two, you'll have \_\_\_\_\_ people who do right only when it feels good and always need another tear-jerker to feel inspired
3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Satisfies the demands of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - We have to engage in obedience to what our intellect has \_\_\_\_\_ and our emotions have \_\_\_\_\_

- Without the other two, you'll have \_\_\_\_\_, performance-based congregations who only do things because they're supposed to, not because they love God

*We have to let Jesus captivate all of us: our \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.*

Question: What is the Bible, most essentially?

1. It's \_\_\_\_\_, not good advice
  - "We're losing the battle, so save yourself before it's too late" = good \_\_\_\_\_
  - "We're winning! You're saved! Let's celebrate." = good \_\_\_\_\_
2. It's about \_\_\_\_\_, not about \_\_\_\_\_
  - We make the Bible a book of \_\_\_\_\_. We diminish God-sized truth into our little minds instead of taking little me and putting it into God's vast plan
  - Lk. 24.25-26
    - The way Jesus taught the Bible was to show the hearers how it pointed to \_\_\_\_\_
3. It's about what Jesus has done \_\_\_\_\_ what I should do
  - "The Gospel humbles me, but it also \_\_\_\_\_ me." —Cary Schmidt

Four essential views of the Bible:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the narrative

- CFRR: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (good doctrine)
- As a narrative, you look at it as a \_\_\_\_\_. As systematic theology, you look at topical, categorical \_\_\_\_\_ by looking at all the data the Scripture gives us
  - We are taking a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ approach
  - Bad theology is always taken from one \_\_\_\_\_ verse
  - If all we have is a systematically theological approach to the Bible, we have a \_\_\_\_\_ with no \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Systematic theology is your faith disassembled, broken into its parts and pieces; but redemptive history is your systematic theology put back together into a story, and that story is captivating, it's engaging, it's intoxicating."
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (ideology)
- The Bible is not merely a \_\_\_\_\_ mechanism
  - Narrative and theology combine into a \_\_\_\_\_
  - We turn Christianity into a \_\_\_\_\_ religion
  - We convolute our ability to properly \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture
  - "God's \_\_\_\_\_ (do's) flow from His \_\_\_\_\_ (done's)
4. Emotional mystery/\_\_\_\_\_ literature
- \_\_\_\_\_ this
  - These approaches will use the words *ancient* and \_\_\_\_\_
  - We don't make it symbolic or mystic unless the Bible tells us it is using those as a \_\_\_\_\_

The fundamental pivot of God's Word: Freedom to \_\_\_\_\_.