

# Fellowship U

## DELVING DEEPER

*"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." 2 Tim 2:15*

Have you ever pondered those words, "rightly handling the word of truth" and found yourself lacking in confidence? Biblical knowledge influences how we think, and how we think feeds our behavior. This principle is clearly implied by the Apostle Paul in his words to Timothy. Perhaps, like many of us, you have a desire to grow in the area of biblical literacy but you struggle with knowing where to begin.

## THE PURPOSE

Fellowship U is designed to provide you with a structured learning environment in which to increase your knowledge and understanding of scripture thus providing a greater capacity to love God and obey his promptings. This is a comprehensive curriculum designed to provide a foundation in the following areas:

- Biblical Content
- Theology
- Biblical Interpretation

## THE PROCESS

Fellowship Bible Church has partnered with [BiblicalTraining.org](http://BiblicalTraining.org) to develop a custom course of studies designed to meet the above stated purpose. [BiblicalTraining.org](http://BiblicalTraining.org) is an educational ministry providing Christian education through online lectures by some of the top bible scholars in the world, each an expert in their respective fields of study. Students are provided study notes and assigned weekly audio lessons which can be heard at their convenience. Classes of 10 to 20 people then gather for a weekly discussion forum led by a facilitator. Discussion questions are provided each week in advance in order to stimulate the discussion.

## THE COMMITMENT

Fellowship U is a three-year study. Each year consists of two 15 week semesters (fall and winter). Before enrolling, students are asked to commit to one full year (two semesters) of study in which they agree to listen to the assigned lessons and come to the weekly forum, prepared to participate in the discussions. We will endeavor to provide a variety of opportunities according to demand but strongly suggest that new students begin with the 1<sup>st</sup> year curriculum and then follow sequentially when they are able to commit to another year of study.

## THE CONTENT

### YEAR 1

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*Old Testament Survey* -Dr. Douglas Stuart

*52 Stories of the Bible (Part 1)* -Dr. Bill Mounce

### YEAR 2

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New Testament Survey -Dr. Bill Mounce

*52 Stories of the Bible (Part 2)* -Dr. Bill Mounce

### YEAR 3

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*Understanding Theology* -Dr. Bruce Ware

*Biblical Hermeneutics* -Dr. Robert Stein

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

### **52 Stories of the Bible** by Dr. Bill Mounce

Bill Mounce is a former professor of New Testament at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is the author of numerous biblical resources including the bestselling Greek textbook, *Basics of Biblical Greek*. Currently, Bill is the President of BiblicalTraining.org, a non-profit organization offering world-class educational resources for discipleship in the local church.

This is a series in which Dr. Mounce delivers passionate messages on 52 pivotal stories from Scripture (26 from the Old Testament and 26 from the New Testament). Students will gain new theological insights from a biblical story perspective as they learn how these smaller stories help comprise the metanarrative of Scripture.

### **Old Testament Survey** by Dr. Douglas Stuart

Douglas Stuart is the Chair of Biblical Studies and Professor of Old Testament at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is a well-known author of a variety of commentaries and publications on biblical exegesis.

In this fascinating overview, Dr. Stuart emphasizes theological themes found in the books of the Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi. Students will benefit from Dr. Stuart's knowledge of historical events that give context to these books as well as gain a greater appreciation for the consistency and relevance of God's Word as found in the Old Testament.

### **New Testament Survey: The Gospels/ Acts to Revelation** by Dr. Bill Mounce

Dr. Mounce introduces this thorough but accessible survey with background classes how the books of the New Testament were written and assembled and why they can be trusted. Starting with the Gospels, these classes will provide the student with an overview of structure and the content of the various individual books. Along the way, students will gain an appreciation for the richness of Scripture as they are presented with practical theological insights.

### **Understanding Theology** by Dr. Bruce Ware

Bruce Ware is the former Chairman of the Department of Biblical and Systematic Theology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and current professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a highly esteemed theologian and author of numerous publications including *Still Sovereign*, which he co-edited with Thomas Schreiner.

We all have a set of beliefs concerning God, but we are not always equipped to articulate it. In a series of 10 lectures on Systematic Theology, Dr. Ware does a masterful job of presenting basic evangelical doctrines in an organized and understandable fashion. This study is a “must” for students desiring a structured framework upon which to build their deeper biblical studies.

### **Biblical Hermeneutics** by Dr. Robert Stein

This course is an introduction to the principles and practice of biblical interpretation which serves as valuable tool for the modern reader who desires to properly apply the teachings of God’s Word. Dr. Stein covers the rules for interpreting the various genres found in scripture using numerous illustrative examples from specific biblical passages.