

Bible Surveying The Book

I. Course Description

Surveying the Book is an introductory guided tour of the Bible. It is an overview of the entire Bible using a textbook, *Walk Thru the Bible*, a study guide and teaching tapes. This is a one semester course.

II. Instructional Material

- A. Textbook: *Talk Thru The Bible*, Bruce Wilkinson, Kenneth Boa; Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1983
- B. Workbook: *Cornerstones Surveying the Book*, Christian Broadcasting Network Publishing, 1990
- C. Accompanying Audio Tapes for *Surveying the Book*, Bruce Wilkinson

III. Course Goals

The goal of this course is to give the student an overview of God's great purposes from the beginning of time through eternity. When finished with this course, the student will have a deeper understanding of the relevance and power of God's Word in his life. Most importantly, the student will have a greater love for our heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

VI. Course Outline

- A. Discover:
 1. Three divisions of the Old Testament
 2. Four great events and four great people of Genesis
 3. The historical background of the Exodus and Passover
 4. The reason Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years
 5. The battle of Jericho and Israel's conquest of Canaan
 6. The concept of the kinsman-redeemer in Ruth
 7. Why Israel divided into two kingdoms
 8. What happened to Israel during the Exile
 9. The story of Job and his four "comforters"
 10. The messianic psalms anticipating Christ's incarnation
 11. The depths of the wisdom of King Solomon
 12. God's purpose for sexual love in marriage
 13. Isaiah's prophetic foretelling of the Messiah
 14. The "weeping prophet" who lamented over Jerusalem
 15. Ezekiel's visions of the glory of God
 16. Daniel - the statesman who prophesied about nations
 17. Hosea's love for his adulterous wife Gomer
 18. The reason Jonah ran away from Nineveh
 19. Joel, the prophet of Pentecost
 20. The apocalyptic visions of Zechariah
 21. The three divisions of the New Testament
 22. Jesus as depicted in the Synoptic Gospels
 23. Why John wrote his gospel

24. The birth of the church on the Day of Pentecost
 25. That righteousness comes through faith in Christ
 26. The problems confronting the Christians in Corinth
 27. The Thessalonians' confusion over the day of the Lord
 28. The qualifications necessary for the church's leaders
 29. Why Jewish believers were lapsing into Judaism
 30. The relationship between faith and works
 31. Gnostic teachings that threatened the early church
 32. The apocalyptic symbolism of John's Revelation
- B. As a result of these discoveries, be able to:
1. Describe the contents of the three divisions of the Old Testament
 2. Name the four patriarchs of the book of Genesis
 3. Know the way to God and how to please Him
 4. Understand why God demands obedience and holiness in his people
 5. Recognize how faithfulness and obedience bring spiritual victory
 6. Escape the cycle of sin in your life
 7. Understand the importance of training your children to love God
 8. Know how to experience revival in your heart
 9. Understand how God's sovereignty relates to human suffering
 10. Praise the Lord in a richer and fuller way
 11. Obtain the wisdom necessary for decision making
 12. Love your spouse as God intended
 13. Identify with the man of sorrows, pierced and crushed for you
 14. Intercede more effectively for the sins of the nation
 15. Breathe newness into the "dry bones" of your life
 16. Resist the pressures to compromise your faith
 17. Respond to God's unfailing love in a new way
 18. Understand divine judgment in the history of nations
 19. Prepare yourself for the next Day of the Lord
 20. Receive a full blessing by honoring God
 21. Read the New Testament with greater understanding
 22. Know Jesus as Messiah, Servant, and Son of Man
 23. Believe more fully on the Son of God
 24. Experience the Holy Spirit in the power of Pentecost
 25. Walk by faith and not by works of the Law
 26. Love others with actions as well as emotions
 27. Avoid deception over the time of Christ's return
 28. Prepare yourself for leadership in the church
 29. Please God more fully through your faith
 30. Persevere in your Christian walk despite suffering
 31. Fellowship with God, walking in light, love, and life
 32. Live triumphantly in the knowledge of Christ's final victory

V. Teaching Methods

Each chapter contains four - six lessons. The following components will be found in each lesson:

Reading: Specific pages are assigned in the textbook, *Talk Thru the Bible*, which will amplify and expand the lecture material for each lesson.

Key Words: At the beginning of each lesson the Key Words are listed. These introduce the essential vocabulary. Within the lesson these words are *italicized*.

Key Verse: Each lesson has a **Key Verse**, which provides the biblical reference point. These verses are chosen from TTB and quoted from the *New International Version of the Bible*, the study version for this course.

Key Chapters: These chapters are taken from TTB and become an entry point for further reading in each book of the Bible.

Key Concepts: These questions are drawn from the textbook and test comprehension of the assigned Reading. They highlight the essential information you should remember.

Life Application: An exercise designed to integrate a biblical principle into daily Christian walk.

Audio-taped teaching: Each teaching segment lasts approximately ten minutes. Periodically there will be interviews, features, reenactments, and other highlights designed to enhance the lesson material.

Review Questions: Twenty questions cover material from the chapter.

VI. Method of Evaluation

A. Components

1. Assigned reading in *Walk Thru the Bible*
2. Questions answered in **key concepts**
3. End-of-chapter review questions
4. Listening to teaching tapes
5. Final examination

B. Grading

100-90%	= A
89-80%	= B
79-70%	= C