

The Bible Story of God

Leadership Institute



“Go and make disciples”

The last words of Jesus before ascending into heaven were this, “...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...” Mathew 28: 18, 19

That was and is today God’s command for all believers, not just those first followers, but down through the ages to those that follow Jesus to this day.

Then in Ephesians Paul reminded believers that it was their responsibility in the new Christian moment to “prepare God’s people for works of service...” – Ephesians 4:11.

Our responsibility as leaders in God’s harvest fields is not just to “do” Kingdom work but to prepare, train, teach, build up and equip others to also do the work of Christian service.

Many pastors, leaders, teachers and other workers, while well intentioned in their calling and desire to train up others, are just not personally prepared. The intent of this Leadership Institute is to provide a foundational training for all workers in order to prepare them to train others in like manner.

While this Leadership Institute is not a full Bible Institute or comprehensive leadership course, it contains the basic elements that are needed for leaders to be effective and also provides them with the same material they can easily use to train others.

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Ministry Pastors and Leader:

The **Bible Story of God Leadership Institute** has been developed for laity as well as established pastors and leaders who desire to learn practical techniques and strategies for leading ministry, equipping others and Bible teaching. In addition to Bible storying, which is the core base of this institute program? This institute program has been taught in several U.S. colleges and universities; Millar College of the Bible in Saskatchewan, Canada, several other Bible colleges across Canada, the Bible College of Malaysia, and the Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary. Segments of this institute have been taught in dozens of world locations through mission organizations and other ministry projects.

Bible Story of God Leadership Institute includes fifteen classes offered of which ten are required in order for participants to receive a Certificate of Completion from The Bible Story of God Leadership Institute and/or sponsoring organization. Eight of the classes are required for the certificate in addition to two elective classes. Each class is 1 ½ - 2 hours and can be offered according to the host church or organization's schedule and location. Classes can be taken individually, over multiple institute sessions during a year or in multiple offerings in one program. Some classes are open to non-enrolled church workers and leaders. This can be offered as a concentrated three- five day offering where 3-4 classes can be taught each day, both day and evening sessions required.

Cost: The cost for the institute in North America settings is \$100 per class for instruction plus expenses of; travel, meals and lodging for a minimum of one instructor. Where more than one instructor is arranged, the per class instructor's cost is divided among those teaching. No other fees are required

The host can establish a per student registration fee for the Institute program to cover any administrative and related costs to host the institute. In international locations, where funds are a challenge, the institute program can be provided for expenses only or other arrangements negotiated between the Leadership Institute staff and the host agency. The host is responsible to provide translators if required

Course Outline

This leadership course is intended to serve as a hands-on, practical applied training program that gives both foundations of ministry as well as the practical applied of teaching ideas and resources that leaders and teachers can use in almost any country and culture. The training sessions include hands-on ideas and resources that teachers, workers and leaders can make and use immediately in their church programming. In most situations, material is available in the country where the training takes place. The teaching sessions are all also developed in a format with as much reduced text as possible so that student outlines that require translation can be kept to a minimum.

1. The Marks of a Leader and Personalities: Leadership is crucial for any ministry success. In most instances, if you ask someone if they are called to be a leader they will tell you, "No", but they have found themselves in a leadership role. While many leaders are not "natural born leaders" even those without skills or natural abilities to lead others CAN LEARN the approaches and techniques to effectively lead ministry. Often it is out of our weaknesses that God's empowerment is made known and enables us to lead where others are reluctant to respond.

2. Basic Bible Doctrine: Basic Doctrine is what we believe about; the Bible, God, the Holy Spirit, Jesus, Man, Sin, Salvation, the Church, Angels, Satan, End Times, Heaven, and Hell. Many denominations have additional distinctive beliefs. In this session only core or basic doctrines will be covered. These basic doctrines are essential beliefs of the worldwide evangelical Christian Church.

3. Chronological Bible Storying: The world has unique cultures. Many people worldwide are primarily oral learners or prefer learning through the oral modality. As people learn the Bible "story" it is important that the story is told in a chronology or sequence so that the listener can understand the connections from one biblical event to the next. Chronological storying is a building block process, each story revealing more and

more of God, His nature, His love and His invitation for all people, young and old, to know Him and His Son as Savior of the world.

4. Bible Storytelling: Telling the "story" of God, about Jesus and the Bible is a basic process for all teaching. Prior to the printed word the story of God was orally passed down from generation to generation. This session will focus on basics of storytelling and effective techniques in telling the story of God.

5. Basics of Ministry: Ministry is more than a worship service, singing songs and hymns, an opening closing prayer. God's people need to be instructed in their spiritual journey and need to be developed in the area of knowing the Bible, principles of stewardship, outreach, having a heart and vision for missions to fulfill the Great Commission, memorizing the Bible and other features of the Christian faith. This session will address key issues for discipling others and provide activities for learning and teaching to produce healthy disciples.

6. Faith Development & Teaching Salvation: Understanding the faith formation processes can help participants understand the urgency of teaching God's Word and how to effectively lead others along God's path of right living - righteousness. This workshop session will trace the spiritual development in conjunction with age characteristics and also present effective ways to share one's faith with others..

7. How People Learn - Age Level Characteristics: What we teach a child for six is much different than what we teach an adult of thirty five. This session will cover the "differences" of age levels and provide practical helps and techniques for teaching the Bible for various ages.

8: Bible Learning Activities: Discovering the truth of God's Word does not have to be only formal teaching lessons. People learn through a variety of processes. Studies indicate that optimum learning comes from interactive involvement. In this session participants will discover and participate in a variety of Bible learning activities that makes discovering Bible truth exciting and enjoyable for everyone. Participants will also have an opportunity to develop original and creative Bible learning activities that they will be able to use immediately in their own ministry.

9: Bible Memory & Bible Memory Activities: Scientists still do not know fully how memory works but we do know that Bible memory is related to learning styles and the ability of the brain to process information visually, though auditory processes and with other sensory functions. Developing and using activities that reinforce the ability to remember a Bible verse is key to learning. This session provides exciting interactive activities that help in the memory learning processes.

10: Ideas for Teaching the Basics of Ministry: In this session participants will be presented with demonstrations of ideas for teaching the basics of ministry that include Bible knowledge, Bible memory, Worship, Salvation, Stewardship, Prayer, Missions, and other topics.

11. Developing a Creative Bible Lesson: This session will focus on the "hows" of preparing a Bible lesson and effective ways for telling Bible stories using a multi-sensory approach.

12. Bible Storytelling Techniques: Telling the "story" of God, Jesus and the Bible is the basic process for all teaching. Prior to the printed word the story of God was orally passed down from generation to generation. This session will focus on basic and effective techniques for telling the "Story" and stories of the Bible and how to actively involve the audience in telling the story of God.

#13. Developing Stories for Telling: This session will provide students with the processes of developing or outlining a Bible story for telling. This session will provide instruction for developing effective outlining and Bible story telling techniques.

14 Team Bible Story Preparation: In break out groups the class will be assigned a story method for telling and will develop a Bible story using their selected method.

15. Team Bible Story Presentations – Practicum: In this session groups will present their Bible story with the assigned method for telling. Each group's presentation will be critiqued by the instructors and the class with suggestions for story presentation and improvement.

The Bible Story of God Leadership Team

The following certified trainers in the Bible Story of God Leadership Institute are experienced leaders and teachers who have taught this and other content internationally as well as in North America. Each official trainer brings his or her own experiences and skills to the classroom and each provides a combined wealth of experience that is unparalleled in most training programs.

M. Kurt Jarvis, Director, Bible Story of God Leadership Institute: Kurt Jarvis holds his B.A. degree from Asbury College and his M.A. degree in Education from Rowan University. He has had over forty years direct experience in children and youth ministry and Christian education through local churches, in denominational ministry at both the national and local level as well as with international camping. Kurt is credentialed with The Christian & Missionary Alliance denomination. He also held a professional career in social work for public agencies and schools where he served on a clinical child study team. Kurt has conducted international training in over 35 countries. .

Marion Jean Grant, Associate Director, Bible Story of God Leadership Institute: Marion has had a lifetime of ministry to children and to youth and adults in local church leadership, as a BCM International missionary, in camping ministries across Canada and the United States and over 21 years as a missionary to Pakistan. She graduated from Briercreech Bible College in Canada in Christian Education. Marion is currently under BCM International (Canada) Inc. conducting seminars and mission events, teaching at the college level and conducting training events. She has conducted seminars in numerous international locations as well as across Canada.

Sharon Corcoran, Bible Story of God International Trainer: Sharon has her degree in marriage and family counseling and has had a long career in education. She was founder and director of a church based Christian nursery School for sixteen years, served as Children's Director in her local church and has served on numerous international teacher and leader training projects.

Joseph Burchill, Associate Pastor, Bible Story of God International Trainer: Joseph currently serves as Associate Pastor in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA. He has had a lifetime of leadership in local, district and national denominational activities and for several years served as the Associate Director of the C&MA Life Impact Ministries arranging conferences for up to 8000 attendees. He has a wealth of leadership and training experience and has served in several international training projects.

David Phillippy, Bible Story of God Leadership International Trainer: David holds his undergraduate degree in business and his master's degree in Biblical Studies. He has served in local church in various ministry leadership roles and two years as Executive Pastor. He is founder and director of Plan-Maker, a business and church consultation service. He was also Associate Director of a fast growing specialty gift company in Utah where his business and planning skills enabled the company to quadruple their gross sales in only three years.

Judy Jarvis, Bible Story of God Leadership International Trainer: Judy holds her B.A. degree in education and served in public education as a teacher for over 15 years. She also served in various local church leadership responsibilities in a variety of church based activities for children through senior adult. Judy has also worked in the geriatric field as an assistant activities director and has provided training leadership in numerous international projects.



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