

Bible Tools Workshop

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Time Commitment:

This workshop is approximately six hours in length. It may be done as a one day workshop of six hours or a class once a week for six weeks in a row. This will be arranged with each interested church or group of congregants as needed.

Intended Audience:

Youth leaders, young people, young adults, Council members, congregants of a congregation or any combination there of.

Materials:

A lab of 12 each Bible concordances, dictionaries and handbooks are available for participants to use for the training.

Synopsis:

This workshop is designed to aid fellow believers in their ability to study the Bible on their own and get more out of God's Word. Initially the class will be taught how to use a Bible concordance. In doing so anyone will be able to find "lost" verses of the Bible from which they can only remember a fragment or word or two. In addition, participants will be shown how a Bible concordance can also be used for topical studies in the Bible as well. In this they will discover how the study of significant words, people or places can aid their understanding of the Bible.

Next, participants will be taught how to use a Bible dictionary. A good Bible dictionary is essential to studying the Bible. A Bible dictionary supplies definitions to names, people, places and much more all found in one place. Instead of breezing over words that are unknown or unfamiliar to the reader, the participants will learn how to use the Bible dictionary to gain understanding. As they do so, their knowledge of the Bible and its times will be greatly enhanced.

The third tool to be considered is a Bible handbook. A Bible handbook gives a brief overview of the whole Bible, each Testament (Old & New) as well as each book of the Bible. Such a book adds larger perspective to the study of the Bible. After the participants become familiar with each tool they will be lead through various exercises to put their new found tools to use. These exercises will be broadly applicable to any future study undertaken by the participants. This workshop has already benefitted youth, youth leaders, young adults and other congregants in their own study of the Bible.