



EQUIP COURSES

Fairview Baptist Church

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ.” – Ephesians 4:12

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Spring 2025 | Sunday | Fellowship Hall | 9:00-10:15 am

DESCRIPTION

The Triune God, in his abundant kindness and goodness, has revealed himself through human history, people, events, and institutions. God’s revelation of himself through these elements are captured in words which are contained in a book. Yet these words are no ordinary words, they are divinely inspired, given to us for life and godliness. How then are we to read, understand, apply, and enjoy these words? In this equip class, we’ll consider theological foundations, biblical principles, and practical applications for reading, understanding, applying, and enjoying the Bible.

OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

A participant who successfully completes this course will be better prepared to worship the Triune God, serve Christ’s Church, and fulfill the Great Commission by learning to do the following:

1. Learn the relationship between divine and human authorship.
2. Understand the tools of grammar, genre, and history for reading Scripture.
3. Develop an understanding of the role of creeds and confessions in reading Scripture.
4. Discern the purpose of reading Scripture as knowledge & enjoyment of God and theology that is practical.
5. Apply an understanding of the course content with a personal commitment to love and serve God and others.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- R. C. Sproul, [*Knowing Scripture*](#)
- Brandon Smith, [*Taught by God*](#)
- Scott Swain, [*Trinity, Revelation, and Reading*](#)
- Sinclair Ferguson, [*From the Mouth of God*](#)
- Mitchell Chase, [*40 Questions on Typology and Allegory*](#)
- Matthew Emerson, [*The Story of Scripture*](#)
- J. V. Fesko, [*The Need for Creeds*](#)

REQUIREMENTS

- ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION – Commitment to punctuality and regular

attendance is encouraged to this course in order to fully benefit and wisely participate in this course.

- **PERSONAL READING AND JOURNALING** - Each student is responsible to have completed the assigned personal development reading as required in the course schedule and write a summary of the reading as a personal reflection in a journal or notebook.
- **SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION** - Each student will be encouraged to memorize the weekly verse from the annual Fairview Baptist Church scripture memory program.

SCHEDULE

DATE	TOPIC
January 5	The Posture and Disposition of the Interpreter
January 12	Divine and Human Authorship
January 19	Grammar, Genre, and History
January 26	Why So Literal? How to Make Sense of the Sense of Scripture
February 2	Typology
February 9	The Biblical Story and Covenants
February 16	No Creed but the Bible?
February 23	The Purpose of Reading Scripture