



*As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*  
(John 15:4)

'Folk Christianity' is on the rise. Postmodernism has engulfed the church, neutralizing its impact. In too many churches, preaching and teaching is often anemic. Small groups barely get beyond superficial Bible study. Corporate worship and youth ministries have been reduced to entertainment. Today few Christians can articulate the gospel, although it is of *primary* importance for the church (1 Cor. 15:3). The options before us: wither or grow.

Within seventy years of Jesus' death, the Roman Empire was being turned upside down by the gospel. This kind of movement starts with people internalizing and living out God's Truth. This is what Village Schools is all about: Teaching God's Word and transforming lives. Given what is going on in our broken world today, God's transforming truth is needed in our hearts and lives more urgently than ever before. (For more see our blog article on the website)

## REFRESH YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE—SIGN UP FOR A FALL CLASS

### Cover-to-Cover Old Testament Classes

**Monday Nights** | Classes start August 22 | 6:45 pm  
**\*\*First Baptist Church, Anoka** with Dr. Harvey Martin  
Woodridge Church, Medina | Ryan Habbena

**Tuesday Nights** | Classes start August 30 | 6:45 pm  
Berean Baptist Church, Burnsville | Warren Coe  
Five Oaks Church, Woodbury | Dr. John Mayer  
Grace Church, Eden Prairie | Harvey Martin

**Wednesday Nights**  
Bethel Baptist Church, Mendota Heights | Ryan Habbena  
Class starts August 31 | 6:45pm  
**\*\*Wayzata Free Church, Plymouth** | Warren Coe  
Starts Sep 21 | 6:30 pm  
*Note: This class is part of the Wednesdays@Wayzata schedule.*

**\*\*Rochester, MN** | Calvary E. Free Church | Chris Klein  
Classes start Tuesday, September 6 | 6:45 pm

**\*\*West Des Moines, IA** | Valley Church | Tom Mason  
Classes start Tuesday, August 23 | 6:30 pm

**\*\*ONLINE**  
Old & New Testament Classes start August 22  
Cost per semester for all classes : \$129

Visit our website for full details and to register:  
[villageschoolsofthebible.org](http://villageschoolsofthebible.org)

**\*\*New campuses this Fall**

### FOUNDATIONS FOR BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

**Dr. Martin | Wednesdays | 6:45 pm**  
**August 3—October 19 | at Village Center**  
**Cost: \$100**

We need godly leaders. We need principled, authentic servant leaders modeled on Jesus Christ — leaders who will rightly handle the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). The *Biblical Foundations for Leadership* is designed for leaders who desire to model their leadership on the Way, the Truth and the Life of Christ. This hands on course will teach you to distinguish between secular and Biblical models of leadership and help you to apply what you learn in your daily life.

**DANIEL | Ryan Habbena**  
**Tuesdays | 6:45pm at Village Center**  
**September 6—November 22**  
**Cost: \$125**

Daniel is a book of mysteries. While exiled in Babylon, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob gave His servant Daniel revelations regarding the future of Jerusalem, the people of God, and the world. The framework for New Testament prophecy and fulfillment will be established and insights gleaned from Daniel regarding what is fast approaching on the horizon of human history.

## Business as Mission Seminar | Thursday, 29 September | 7:30 pm

Speaker: Joe King, Owner and CEO of King Technology, with some of his leadership team.  
Topic: God's purposes for work and business.



### What is the role of business people in church and mission?

Joe King, a business owner with years of experience running a business from a Kingdom-of-God perspective, will cover God's call to business, the redemptive purpose of business, outreach, and the role of business in gospel transformation. Also covered will be some of the increasingly challenging legal constraints and cultural considerations for business as mission.

Whether you're a business owner or an employee, don't miss this opportunity to consider the difference it makes to live and work in a business that is under the lordship of Jesus Christ. In today's culture, the unchurched have no desire to go into a church building. What a difference it makes when, through business as mission, the church comes to the unchurched! You will be encourage and inspired.

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## Why not take Cover-to-Cover online?

This is what is involved each week.  
Read the Bible passages for the week.

Then, internalize God's truth:

1. Watch 3 or 4 8-minute video lessons.
  2. Read the relevant chapter of the online textbook.
  3. Learn in community with your fellow students in the online forum.
  4. Journal. Submit a personal reflection paper.
  5. Summarize and consolidate. Write up what you learn in a few paragraphs.
- ◆ You're exempt from 4 and 5, above, if you're auditing the class.
  - ◆ When must I be online? Any time that works for you. (You'll love the flexibility!)
  - ◆ Scholarships available.

To learn more or register, visit the website:  
[villageschoolsofthebible.org/classes/cover-to-cover-online](http://villageschoolsofthebible.org/classes/cover-to-cover-online)



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