

A week in the life of an online Cover-to-Cover participant

Read the Bible. Jesus taught that Man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Mt 4.4). The Holy Spirit speaks to each person individually through God's Word and brings about inner change. So the most important task before a disciple of Jesus Christ is to read God's entire Message from Genesis to Revelation. The Cover-to-Cover course schedule outlines which books must be read each week. God wants us to internalize His Word and live it out, not just superficially read it (Ja 1:22-25). The below list outlines what each Cover-to-Cover student accomplishes each week to meditate upon and truly internalize God's Word so that it can be lived out.

I. Full Engagement Option

A. Watch video lessons given by executive director Warren Coe

- Watch 3 or 4 video lessons of about 8 minutes each. See the demo examples.
- The videos set context, highlighting thought-provoking key points and themes in the Bible.

B. Read the VSB textbook

- Read the relevant chapter of the online textbook.
- The textbook provides further context & focus for careful exegesis (Bible interpretation).

C. Learn in community (Learn together with your fellow students in the Online Forum)

- Each textbook chapter concludes with seven questions for reflection.
- Post a response to one of seven questions given at the end of the textbook chapter.
- Learn from, and respond to, other online students' posts. The online forum simulates a classroom dialogue where students build one another up (1 Thess 5.11) & learn from one another as iron sharpens iron (Pr 27.17). Your online mentor may also post comments.

D. Journal (Reflection Paper)

- Submit a personal reflection paper in response to the remaining six questions at the end of the textbook chapter. Your online mentor will read your reflection paper and return it to you with feedback and encouragement.

E. Summarize and consolidate (Final Project)

- Briefly summarize in a few paragraphs what you learn from each book of the Bible.
- Add to this summary each week. Your mentor will provide feedback on your Final Project at checkpoints along the way, and at the end of the semester.
- The Final Project will become your personal summary of God's Message, highlighting the most important points about each Bible book, & tracing the Scarlet Thread of Redemption that unifies the entire Bible. Discover Jesus Christ at the center of it all! (Luke 24.27).

II. Certificate Option

Students who wish to take the Cover-to-Cover course for Certificate are not expected to do D and E, above (weekly Reflection Papers and Final Project). However, audit students must read the Bible and participate in the weekly online forum. (The Certificate option is not available to students who wish to earn College Credit, or who wish to become Cover-to-Cover mentors or teachers.)

When must I be online?

Any time that works for you, so long as you complete all weekly assignments. Weeks run Monday to Sunday per the set schedule. You'll love the flexibility — and your online community!