



COVER-TO-COVER BIBLE SURVEY

A DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY THROUGH GOD'S WORD

VILLAGE SCHOOLS OF THE BIBLE

WHAT IS VILLAGE SCHOOLS OF THE BIBLE?

We are a non-denominational discipleship ministry, serving local churches in Minnesota and around the world. Over 7,000 people have journeyed through God's Word at Village Schools of the Bible.

Over thirty years ago, our founder, Monty Sholund, a former EFCA missionary in the Congo, developed a discipleship curriculum that helps people gain a comprehensive understanding of God's Word from Genesis to Revelation.

WHAT DO WE TEACH?

We call it Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey. Our goal is to help people read through the entire Bible in nine months.

In reading God's Word we...

- + Encounter God through His Word
- + Understand the centrality of the Gospel
- + See Jesus at the center of God's plan of redemption
- + Trace the scarlet thread of redemption from Genesis to Revelation

MINISTRY IMPACT OF COVER-TO-COVER

First, people experience increased biblical literacy.

Second, lives are transformed by God's Word.

Third, people are inspired and equipped to lead and strengthen their local churches.

Fourth, they are equipped and empowered to serve Christ and the world.



OUR CONVICTION

At Village Schools of the Bible, we believe that God's Word is God's power, and God's power is God's Word.

Jesus said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 (ESV)

Jeremiah 15:16 (ESV) says, "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts."

Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

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HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

Cover-to-Cover is a nine-month study of the Bible—August through April.

Cover-to-Cover consists of two semesters: 16 weeks in the Old Testament and 16 weeks in the New Testament.

We have a credit transfer agreement with University of Northwestern-St. Paul. Students can apply for credit transfer.

WHAT IS OUR LEARNING STYLE?

Each student reads through the entire Bible.

Each student reads through two textbooks: one on the Old Testament and one on the New Testament.

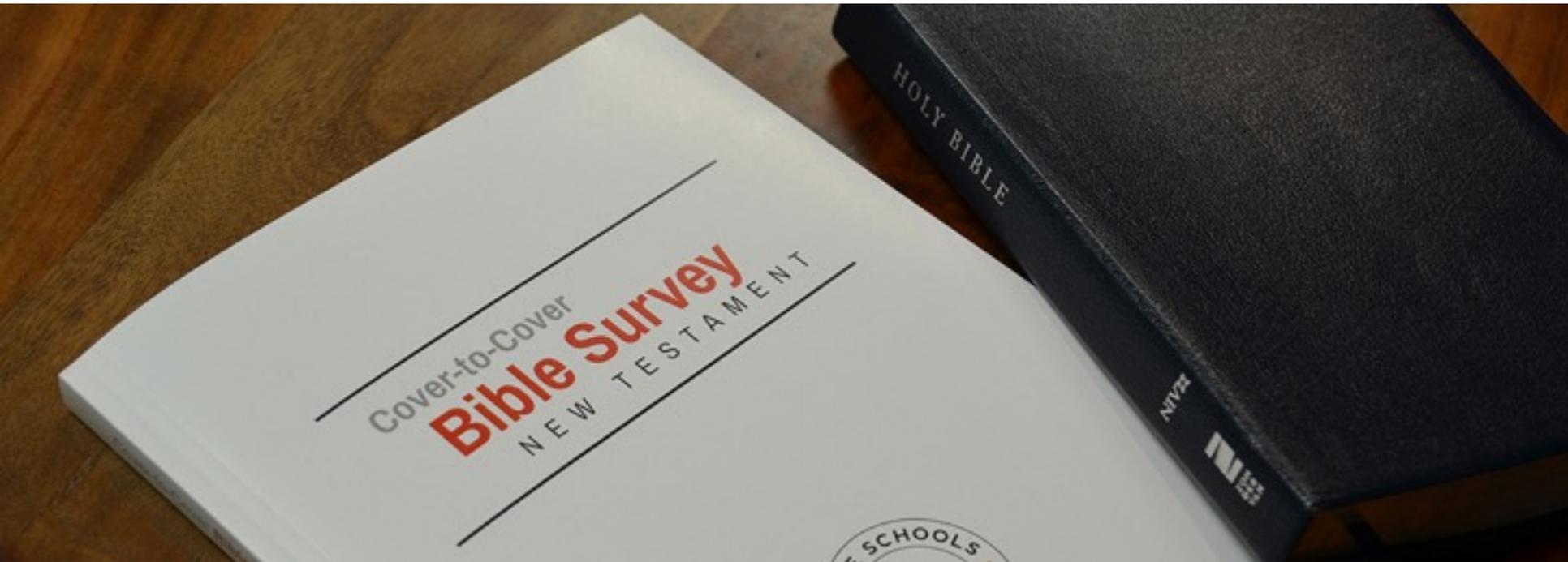
Classes meet weekly for two hours. Each class includes teaching and discussion on the lesson and Scripture read that week.

Students write weekly papers that encourage deeper and personal interaction with God's Word. As our founder, Monty Sholund, said about writing papers, "What you dig out of God's Word, you keep."



REQUIRED READING

- + The Bible
- + Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey Textbook (Two volumes)



WHERE DO WE TEACH?

We teach in local churches. Each local church provides a classroom setting for 15 to 25 students. We ask the church to provide a white board and tables for taking notes.

Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey is also available online as an eLearning opportunity, in English, for students anywhere in the world. Pastor Warren Coe provides the online instruction. Students join a class of up to 25, facilitated by a mentor.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Tuition is \$129 per student per semester. It costs \$258 for the entire course.

Our tuition is low because we are funded by the generous gifts of our ministry partners. We are a faith-based ministry.

Scholarships are available upon request based on need.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

We believe the Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, to be the verbally-inspired Word of God, inerrant and infallible in the original manuscripts, and the final authority in faith and life (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20,21; Psalm 19:7).

THE GODHEAD

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-who are identical in essence, equal in power and glory, possessing the same attributes and perfection (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

THE CONDITION OF MAN

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, in innocence and without sin. But in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, becoming spiritually dead and alienated from God, so that man is a sinner by both nature and imputation and man, of himself, is incapable of remedying his lost and depraved condition (Genesis 1:26; 3:1-24; Romans 3:10-18, 5:12; Ephesians 2:13).

THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God; that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, in order that He might redeem sinful man. He accomplished this redemption by voluntarily giving Himself as a sinless substitutionary sacrifice on the cross, thereby satisfying God's righteous judgment against sin. He gave proof that He accomplished that redemption by His bodily resurrection from the grave. He ascended to the right hand of His Father, where He intercedes on behalf of those who trust Him. We believe in the personal, premillennial return of Christ for His Church (John 1:1, 13, 18, 22; Luke 1:34, 35; Romans 3:24-26, 8:35; I Thessalonians 4:13-18).

THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine Person who convicts the world of sin; that He alone brings new life to those who are spiritually dead; that He baptizes all believers into the one true Church, which is the Body of Christ; that He indwells them permanently, seals them unto the day of redemption, bestows spiritual gifts upon them, fills those who are yielding to Him (John 3:3-8, 16:7-11; I Corinthians 12:7-11,13; John 14:16,17; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

SALVATION

We believe that salvation is the gift of God's grace given to all who have trusted in Christ for salvation. It includes all that God does in saving believers from the penalty, the power and the presence of sin and in restoring them to a right relationship with God. (Ephesians 1:7; 2:8, 9; John 1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 1:6).

THE ETERNAL STATE

We believe that at death, the souls of those who have trusted Christ for salvation pass immediately into His presence and remain there in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body, when soul and body will be reunited. We also believe that at death, the souls of unbelievers remain forever separated from God in the lake of fire (Luke 16:19-26; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:22; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:11-15).



OUR TEACHING STAFF

All our teaching staff are qualified and trained Bible teachers with years of education and experience.



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TESTIMONIES

These classes are life changing! I'm so glad God made it possible to put this program together. - Deb

I'm loving your class, it's challenging me way beyond what I ever expected. I've been in a Bible study for eight years and I've never looked at verses the way you are teaching us to. - Bruce

It is such a privilege to have God's Word and to have His Spirit guiding us and revealing it to us. I love to study it!! And, it is a joy to sit under your teaching. Your love for the Word is contagious and fans our already-burning flames! - Jen

I've seen all the participants from 2013-2014 VSB step-up and serve in greater ways in our church. This entails people taking on church leadership roles, starting new ministries, and increasing their participation in church activities. - Pastor Aaron Brockmeier, St. Luke's Church, Fairbault.

I have tried multiple times to read the Bible on my own. In the Cover-to-Cover course, I was guided through a journey in scripture which helped me grasp the breadth and depth of God's love. It has given me context and a guide for future learning, but most importantly a deeper understanding of the incredible gift of God's salvation. - Kathryn

I have done many Bible studies over the course of my Christian life, but none has had the impact of Cover-to-Cover. I grew in my love for Jesus, and my desire to live a life worthy of Him. - Laura





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