

Student Life Overview...

For starters, our goal is to help students get “the big picture” when they look into God’s Word. That means creating a complete curriculum that covers the entire Bible.

This plan will accomplish two purposes in the life of a teenager. The first is that they’ll receive real guidance for living like Christ during their formative years. The second is that when they graduate high school, they’ll do so with a greater, more confident knowledge of God’s amazing message.

Our plan can make that happen.

It’s a long-term, six-volume strategy designed for a student’s journey from junior high through graduation.

Here is a rundown of the series. :

Volume 1: Christ. The Life of Christ – The Basis of Faith.

Volume 2: Character. Old Testament People – Encounters with God.

Volume 3: Community. New Testament Church – The Essence of Fellowship.

Volume 4: Covenant. Knowing God – His Relationship with His People Volume.

Volume 5: Consecration. Set Apart for God – The Christ-empowered Life Volume.

Volume 6: Commission. Called by God – The Ministry of Reconciliation.

What are the foundational truths being taught?

Every good plan is built on a solid foundation. We believe this is absolutely true of the Student Life Bible Study curriculum. Before the first word was written for the first lesson, our publishing team carefully compiled a list of eight statements that would serve as both the launching pad and the standard of measure for Student Life Bible Study. From all that is said in the Bible about who God is and the purpose He has for His people, we have drawn these 8 Essential Truths. We believe that they accurately reflect the complete picture of God as presented in His Word. As such, they are the basis for creating a complete Bible study with a unique program.

We call them essential because they convey beliefs that are vital, crucial and fundamental to every person’s spiritual growth. We believe that if God has said it, that makes it worth listening to.

We call them truths because they convey beliefs that are without flaw or failure, having never been proven wrong throughout all time. We believe that if God has said it, then it is factual, accurate and forever trustworthy.

And while these 8 Essential Truths exist as the beginning of Student Life Bible Study, they are also continually checked against every lesson to ensure that what students are learning is always reflected in Scripture.

GOD IS

We believe that there is one and only one true and living God. God is Love. He is an infinite, all-knowing spirit, perfect in all His attributes, one in essence, eternally existing in three Persons—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - each equally deserving of man's worship and obedience.

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

We believe that the Bible is God's written revelation to people, divinely given through human authors who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it is truth without any mixture of error. God is the Bible's author. The goal of His word is the restoration of mankind into His image. We affirm that the Bible is totally sufficient, and completely authoritative for matters of life and faith.

PEOPLE ARE GOD'S TREASURE

We believe that people are God's special treasure, fashioned by Him in His own image as the crowning work of His creation. Everyone has willfully disobeyed God—an act also known as sin—thus inheriting both physical and spiritual death and are in need of salvation. All human beings are born with a sin-nature and into an environment inclined toward sin. As soon as individuals are capable of moral action, they become responsible for their sinful condition. Only by the grace of God through Jesus Christ can they experience salvation.

JESUS IS GOD AND SAVIOR

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, and in His sinless life. As God's Son on earth, He was both fully God and fully human. We also believe in His miracles and His substitutionary and atoning death on the cross. Christ rose from the dead, ascended to the right hand of the Father and will return in power and glory.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD, THE PRESENCE AND POWER

We believe the Holy Spirit is supernatural and sovereign, baptizing all believers into the Body of Christ. He lives within every Christian beginning at the moment of salvation, and then empowers them for effective service as they yield to Him. The Holy Spirit convicts individuals of sin, uses God's Word to mature believers into Christ-likeness, and secures them until Christ returns.

SALVATION IS BY FAITH ALONE

We believe that people were created in the image of God and willfully disobeyed Him, bringing physical and spiritual death. This disobedience is known as sin. All human beings are born with a sin nature, separated from God, and in need of a savior. That salvation comes only through a faith relationship with Jesus Christ, the Savior, as a person repents of sin and receives Christ's forgiveness and the

promise of eternal life. Salvation is instantaneous and accomplished solely by the power of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. This salvation is wholly of God by grace on the basis of the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, the merit of His shed blood, and not on the basis of human merit or works. All the redeemed are secure in Christ forever.

THE CHURCH IS GOD'S PLAN

We believe that all people who put their faith in Jesus Christ are immediately placed by the Holy Spirit into one united spiritual body, the Church, of which Christ is the head. The primary physical expression of the Church on earth is in autonomous local congregations of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel. The purpose of the Church is to glorify God by taking the Gospel to the entire world and by building its members up in Christ-likeness through the instruction of God's Word, fellowship, service, worship, and prayer.

GOD HOLDS THE FUTURE

We believe that God will bring the world to its appropriate end in His own time and in His own way. At that time, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth. Both the saved and unsaved will be resurrected physically to be judged by Christ in righteousness. Those who have received Christ will, in their resurrected and glorified bodies, receive their reward and dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord. Those who have refused Christ will spend eternity in Hell, the place of everlasting punishment.

The certain return of Christ is the hope that motivates believers to be faithful in their daily lives.