

# How to read the Bible

## Is the Bible confusing to you?

*Do you wonder where to start reading?*

*Why are parts of the Bible written so different from other parts of it?*

This class will not tell you **what** to study but **how** to study the Bible at an understandable level. It will also give you a general overview of the Bible. This class is a must for people who want to get to know their Bibles but just don't know where or how to start.

Week 1: A general introduction to the 5 types of biblical literature

Studying historical narrative....stories.

Who's telling the story, what's it about? What is an authorial comment?

Why did God include this particular story?

Genesis thru Esther & Matthew thru Acts

Week 2: Studying **wisdom literature....skill in living....how to be wise in God's eyes.**

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes & Song of Songs.

You'll discover 3 types of poetry, figures of speech, parallelism, etc.

Don't worry, it sounds more complicated than it is.

Week 3: Studying didactic literature....**literature that's meant for learning how to live a godly life.**

*Why did the apostle Paul write the letter to the Colossians?*

What are structural markers? (Ohhhh, sounds intellectual)

See how right ideas lead to right living.

Romans thru Jude

Week 4: Studying prophetic & apocalyptic literature. Isaiah thru Malachi & Revelation.

What to bring: A pen, a Bible & yourself.

~~When: Sunday morning at 10:15 AM in room 211 on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>~~