

Introducing Bible Training for Church Leaders.

Most Christians place a high value on the Bible and say they try to live their lives based on it. However, many Christians today don't really comprehend and apply the Scriptures. The result is low impact in their lives and ministries.

With each successive generation, Bible literacy is declining. The consequences in our personal lives, our churches and in society are staggering. That's why Bible Training for Church Leaders (BTCL) is being introduced in churches across North America.

The purpose of BTCL is to equip believers with the Word of God in order that they may know, obey, guard, defend and pass-on "the faith once for all entrusted to the saints" — thereby contributing to fulfilling the Great Commission.

This training is targeted to help teachers, small group leaders, elders, deacons and all believers learn and apply fundamental biblical truths in order to accomplish the goals of their ministry.

After completing the two-year program, graduates receive an official BTCL certificate that recognizes the time and commitment they've put into preparing for a deeper walk and ministry.

Today's The Day.

Don't put off the lifelong journey to a deeper understanding of the Bible and how God wants to work His truth and power into and through your life. Find out what BTCL is all about and what a difference it can make in your walk, your ministry, your family and your community. You'll be amazed at the training available locally that will have eternal impact for Christ around the world.



Equipping You for Ministry

Bible Training for Church Leaders is a ministry of:



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The Question.

“Where can I go to gain a thorough knowledge of the Bible – how to rightly interpret and apply it – in order that I am equipped for ministry?” This is a commonly asked question by church leaders and congregations in America.

In other words, if we have been given everything we need for “life and godliness,” what are the basics we need to know in order to grow and be effective in our life-long journey in Christian life and service?



The Answer.

Bible Training for Church Leaders: A five-course curriculum offered in a local church setting. Qualified instructors lead in an interactive environment that’s conducive to focused study. Class times can be arranged to suit the students’ schedules. By meeting three hours once-a-week on a selected night, the five courses can be completed in just over two years.

At a cost of only \$20 per manual, BTCL is affordable.

A Program With Purpose.

The purpose of **BTCL** is best explained through these five definitions:

- 1 Know:** To comprehend biblical truth both propositionally and practically, resulting in a working knowledge of the Scriptures.
- 2 Obey:** By the enablement of the Holy Spirit, to explicitly and fully follow the commands of Scripture to demonstrate our love for Christ and to grow in our walk with Him.
- 3 Guard:** To carefully preserve the integrity of Scripture and protect from false and inaccurate interpretation.
- 4 Defend:** To affirm the eternal Truth of Scripture, to answer challenges and to refute false doctrine.
- 5 Pass-On:** To train the next generation of believers to share the Gospel and to entrust them with the Truth of Scripture.

What Courses Are Included?

Five courses make up the core of this non-formal theological education.

The core courses are:	In-Class Hours
Bible Study Methods	40 hours
Old Testament Survey	60 hours
New Testament Survey	60 hours
Bible Doctrine Survey	60 hours
Personal Spiritual Life	40 hours
Total In-Class Hours	260 hours

The elective courses are:
Preaching Biblical Messages and Pastoral Ministry
Church Ministry/Administration/Education
Teaching Principles/Methods
Church History
Missions/Evangelism/Discipleship

The particular electives covered and the order in which they are offered will be determined by the needs of the students.

The Need – What Others Are Saying.

“We revere the Bible, but many of us rarely read it. The proof is the sorry state of biblical knowledge among Americans – we are truly ‘biblical illiterates’... Will the nation’s faith communities challenge as well as comfort people? Will they be able to raise the level of religious literacy?... The threat to the traditional church is that an uninformed faith that comforts only can lead to a free-floating kind of spirituality, which could go in any direction.”

- George Gallup, Jr.
The Gallup Organization

“What Satan could not accomplish through outside attacks, he now seeks to accomplish through simple neglect. Today, we face a real crisis: Bible illiteracy.”

- Woodrow Kroll, President
Back to the Bible



The Result – What BTCL Teachers and Graduates Are Saying.

“The BTCL curriculum exceeds our requirements and provides a well-rounded Bible curriculum. We feel that BTCL offers the best training available of any curriculum we have seen.”

-Mike Neukum, Bent Tree Bible Fellowship, Dallas, TX

“It does my heart good as a pastor to teach at a deeper level of biblical training and see men and women become grounded in God’s Word. I could not have put together a more excellent curriculum than BTCL. It goes deeper than just surface issues, yet not so exhaustive as to be impossible to complete”

-Winston Clark, Oxford Bible Fellowship
on the campus of Miami University of Ohio

“I now feel more highly equipped as a church leader to lead others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. I expect to serve God where He needs me for the rest of my life and I’m thankful that BTCL provided the tools for me to become a more effective student of the Bible.”

-Tom Elias, Graduate

“The principles gleaned and the Genesis to Revelation study provided me with a foundation useful as I disciple new believers, as I parent teenagers and personally as I grow in my journey with Christ.”

-Pamela Pugh, Graduate

“This class has not only provided me a technical framework through which I can be in the Word, but has opened my heart to its importance.”

-Christopher Ferris, Graduate

A Word from Our Sponsor.

The five-course curriculum of Bible Training for Church Leaders was developed by the Bible Training Centre for Pastors. Since 1990, BTCP has equipped 35,000 pastors and church leaders in 80+ countries. With 24 translations of the full 10-course curriculum, BTCP is providing biblically based, trans-denominational, theological training accomplished in a relational context.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3: 16 -17 (NIV)

