

# **Bible Curriculum, Grades 9 and 10**

## **Course Philosophy**

The study of the Bible enables students to focus on the reasoning behind the faith decision they have made. It gives them a solid foundation in apologetics. Through Bible study, relationships with the Lord are strengthened and deepened. Students come to understand church history and are able to recognize the evidence that supports the accuracy of the Bible. Everything learned in Bible class should be one more step on a journey to an irrevocable decision to not only be a faithful believer in Christ but to be able to refute the arguments, philosophies, and methodologies of secular humanism and other major world religions. It is Bible study, leading to a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, that enables believers to become who God called them to be, worshippers empowered for a lifetime of faith and service.

## **A Journey Through the New Testament**

### **Course Description**

This survey course is an introduction to the authorship and contents of the New Testament books. Special attention will be given to important persons, places, and events as well as to key chapters in the Old Testament revelation.

### **Rationale**

The aim of this course is structured to help the student interpret New Testament biblical passages in their proper context. Within the New Testament there are insights to mankind, teachings for virtuous living, truths about the Savior, and principles for living an abundant life for Christ. The student will also be challenged to evaluate traditional and critical options of interpretation

### **Required Resources**

Towns, Elmer L. *A Popular Survey of the New Testament*. Mason, OH: Thomson Custom Publishing, 2004. ISBN: 0-155-05476-7.

*The Holy Bible*

### **Measurable Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to

Describe the role and significance of the New Testament and how it pertains to the Christian today.

Recognize the content of the New Testament, including authorship, literary style, theological development, and the major themes and key verse of each book.

List the books of the New Testament in the order found in the English Bible.

Describe the historical, political, cultural, and religious background of the New Testament.

## **Scope and Sequence**

Introduction

Zacharias and Elizabeth: The Birth of a Son

Joseph and Mary: The Supernatural Birth of God's Son

John the Baptist: Calling a Nation Back to God

John and Andrew: Their First Week with Jesus

Nicodemus: A Passover to Remember

The Samaritan Woman: A Revival at Shechem

Jesus of Nazareth: A Prophet without Honor at Home

Simon Peter: The Day He Brought Jesus Home

Matthew: Celebrating a New Relationship with God

The Sanhedrin: The Battle for the Sabbath

The Disciples: The Training of the Twelve

Simon the Pharisee: A Witness of Faith and Unbelief

Jesus of Nazareth: A Long Day of Ministry

The Twelve: An Opportunity to Minister

The People: Looking for the Wrong Kind of Messiah

The Twelve: Beholding His Glory

The Twelve: In Pursuit of Greatness

Jesus of Nazareth: The Light Shining in Darkness

The Twelve: Recovering Their Lost Power

Jesus of Nazareth: His Ministry in Perea

Lazarus: His Death and New Life

Jesus of Nazareth: His Final Journey to Jerusalem

Sunday and Monday: Days of Celebration and Demonstration