

welcome to
WISDOM



ILLUMINE

CHURCH

STUDY GUIDE

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useful NOTES

WHAT TO EXPECT

The goal of education at Illumine is that God would give you spiritual wisdom through lecture, discussion, & his Word. Everything that happens will revolve around a central concept. The class will last for 60-65 minutes.

- **Restrooms** are in the blue hallway.
- There is a nursery available **for parents and restless children**. The rocking chairs in the sanctuary are for you, too.
- Please fill out the **connection card**. It's our best way to get people involved and to plan ahead.
- The entire class is found in this booklet and on the screen. Use whichever you like. The **written music for the song** is included on the following pages.
- There will be an **offering** today. This is for the regulars – if you're a guest, thanks for coming, it's an honor to have you.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. Everyone you see around you is working to accomplish the same goal – that we can all be served by hearing what God has to say. If we can take down barriers that get between you and that message, we will.

Thank you,



Kent Reeder, Pastor

Show friends where you are – check in!



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TODAY'S CLASS

Education Series: Not the Problem

Some say that if you ask 5 people about a verse in the Bible, you'll get about 9 different opinions on what it means. Why is that? What causes there to be so many differing interpretations of the Bible?

You'll often see people point at the book and say that it is flawed in some way that makes it open to interpretation. The truth is, however, that the Bible is not the problem. People are. When we don't keep in mind how to approach the Bible and what kind of book it is, we're bound to get off track. We'll spend this series discussing how we can interpret Scripture safely and correctly.

Today: Start with Why

We tend (especially if we're part of a church) to understand that we are supposed to read the Bible, but do we fully understand why? And when we read it, do we know why it was written?

The ability to express exactly why we're interacting with Scripture is the first step to a healthy life of Bible interpretation.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord,

Keep us steadfast in your word.
Curb those, who by deceit or sword,
would seek to overthrow your Son
and to destroy what he has done.

Amen.

OPENING MEDITATION

Psalm 119:1-8

- 1 Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.
- 2 **Blessed are they who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart.**
- 3 They do nothing wrong;
they walk in his ways.
- 4 **You have laid down precepts
that are to be fully obeyed.**
- 5 Oh, that my ways were steadfast
in obeying your decrees!
- 6 **Then I would not be put to shame
when I consider all your commands.**
- 7 I will praise you with an upright heart
as I learn your righteous laws.
- 8 **I will obey your decrees;
do not utterly forsake me.**

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



1. Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear,
2. Your Word in - spires my heart with - in;
3. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,
4. Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word.



- and through your Word to me draw near.
your Word grants heal - ing from my sin.
and God the Spi - rit, three in one,
Curb those who by de - ceit or sword



Let me your Word e'er pure re - tain;
 Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
 shall glo - ry praise and ho - nor be
 would seek to o - ver - throw your Son



Let me your child and heir re - main.
 your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
 now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.
 and to de - stroy what he has done.

Psalm 119:9-16

- ⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure?
 By living according to your word.
- ¹⁰ **I seek you with all my heart;**
do not let me stray from your commands.
- ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
 that I might not sin against you.
- ¹² **Praise be to you, O Lord;**
teach me your decrees.
- ¹³ With my lips I recount
 all the laws that come from your mouth.
- ¹⁴ **I rejoice in following your statutes**
as one rejoices in great riches.
- ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts
 and consider your ways.
- ¹⁶ **I delight in your decrees;**
I will not neglect your word.

CONFESSION

- L** While we should, and often do, delight in God's decrees, we can't deny that there are times when we prefer our own.
- G** **Lord, have mercy on us.**
We have strayed from your commands.
We have sinned against you.
- G** **We have brought shame into our lives even though your Word shows us the righteous way.**
- L** "Blessed are they whose ways are blameless..." is impossible for us to apply to ourselves.
- G** **But there has been a blameless One.**
Jesus Christ, truly human like us, kept God's statutes. Our Savior did nothing wrong and walked in God's ways.
- L** He did this not just to be an example and show us the way, but to be a sacrifice given in our place to fulfill the desires of God that we could not.
- G** **He lived perfectly as our substitute.**
He died painfully, enduring our punishment.
He rose victoriously, bringing our victory. Amen.

Children's Message

Many Books



START WITH WHY

The Golden Circle

Luke 6:43-45

“For the _____ speaks
what the _____ is full of.”

3 Why Questions

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

WHY SO COMPLEX?

Define Interpretation:

Jot down different meanings to your word here:

But why so complex?

3 Gaps between you and the Bible:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

WHY WAS IT WRITTEN?

Underline the telling words and phrases.

The OLD TESTAMENT

1 Peter 1:10-12

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

John 5:39

³⁹ You [Jewish teachers of the Law] study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

The NEW TESTAMENT

John 20:31

³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

2 Timothy 3:15-16

...you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

WHY ARE WE INTERPRETING IT?

Why do I want to read the Bible?

- What is my story so far re: Bible reading?
- Why do I want to read it *right now*?
- What does a good future picture look like?

The Bible is the story of Jesus, yes.

But the Bible is your story, too.

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER

Offering

Connection Cards | Prayer Requests | Text Donations

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**G Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Apostles' Creed

**G I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of
heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried. He descended
into hell. The third day he rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of God the Father almighty. From
there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

this week @
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Today

11:30am: Exponential Conference Recap (Adults)
Sunday School (Children)

Monday – Wednesday, May 4th-6th

Pastor Kent at Cottonbelt Pastors Conference

Wednesday, May 6th

5pm: BIC

6pm: BIC Catch-Up

Sunday, May 10th

9-10am: Free Family Photos

10am: Education – The Bible is Not the Problem pt. 2

11-11:30am: Free Family Photos

11:30am: Community Service Forum & Sunday School

Mark Your Calendars

Don't forget to invite friends and family to join us on
Mother's Day, May 10th!

Week of June 10th: Summer Basics Course begins.

July 13-17: Illumine Science Camp



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member of the
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Lutheran Synod, a
national body of over
1,290 congregations.

