

Growing in Knowledge and Understanding of God and the Bible

Four years ago a group of over 150 men from the greater Cleveland area began meeting on Monday evening in the sanctuary for 32 weeks from September through May to study God's word. The materials used are provided by Bible Study Fellowship International to give lay participants the tools, the environment, the relationships, and the support needed to grow deeper in knowledge and understanding of God and the Bible. This comprehensive inter-denominational Bible study program helps one gain a practical understanding of the Bible.

What makes BSF unique is a four-fold approach to learning which consists of:

- Daily questions for individual Bible study (Answered daily during the week for six days.)
- Discussion groups (50 minutes at each weekly meeting)
- Challenging lectures (45 minutes at each weekly meeting)
- Study notes (Read during the week)

For a visual introduction 2 minute video on experiencing a class go to the following website: <http://www.bsfindernational.org/Home/tabid/53/Default.aspx> and click on 'Experiencing a Class',

The seven year program should you desire to complete all studies consist of: Genesis, Romans, Matthew, The Life of Moses, John (2009-2010), History of Israel, The Minor Prophets and Acts of the Apostles.

Are you hesitant in getting involved? BSF operates on an ongoing seven-year study cycle. However, you can check out a single BSF class anywhere along the way. Visitor classes are held where you will be given an overview of BSF and experience the BSF teaching time. If you are challenged by the thought of joining the current study your commitment will be for the current study. When the class ends, you (and every other class member) will have the choice to continue on when the next study begins.

The first class begins on Monday September 10, 2009 and continues through May 17, 2010.

Special 2 hour seminars are held throughout the year include: Homiletics, Sharing the Gospel, Personal Evaluation, Personal Quiet Time, Leading Others and Resources Study.

Classes are also offer for school-age children's ages 6-17 at the same time at PHBC. The shared learning at BSF presents a natural way for dads and their kids to talk about God and the Bible.

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