



# Welcome!

## August 19, 2018

**"If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!"**

**-John 8:36**

Nursery (up to 2 years) is available during the entire service.  
Kids (3 years old through Kindergarten) are dismissed after music.

### Our Worship Gathering

Call to Worship

Worship

Chain Breaker

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

10,000 Reasons

Announcements

Presentation of Ministry License

**\*\*Dismiss for Kids Korner\*\***

Preparatory Worship

What a Friend We have in Jesus

Prayer

Message: "Basics of the Christian Life: Bible Study"

Pastor Scott

Closing Song

Holy is the Lord

Prayer

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# Prayer Matters

*Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.*  
1 John 5:12 (NLT)

## Families

Stephen

Evan & Heidi

## Berean Church

Berean Bible Church; Curtis, NE (Brian & Clover Nicklas)

## LEAD Team

Scott & Lyndsey, Trent & Caryn, Ray & Rosi, Rebecca, Jerry,  
Ted & Judy

## Other

Officer Cem Duzel of the CSPD.

Increased number of traffic fatalities (32 in 2018)

UCCS students going back to school.

## **Announcements:**

\*Fellowship Dinner is THIS Week! Please stay after worship today and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

\*Offering box is located on the information table. You can also give online ([www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com](http://www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com)) or through the FC mobile app (App Store & Google Play)

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**“Basics of the Christian Life” | #3: Bible Study**

The follower of Christ is encouraged to “live a life worthy of the calling you have received” (Ephesians 4:1).

Upcoming topics: assurance, baptism, prayer, devotions, Bible study, God, church, spiritual disciplines, outreach, and discipleship.

Acts 17:11

Every person needs to answer three ultimate questions: Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? Only the Bible, God’s Word, can answer these questions.

**Bible Basics**

**A. What is the Bible called?**

1. Scripture (John 7:42)
2. Scriptures (John 5:39)
3. The Holy Scriptures (Romans 1:2, 2 Timothy 3:15)
4. The Word of God (Hebrews 4:12)

**B. Facts about the Bible**

1. There are 66 books in the Bible  
39 in the Old Testament [17-History; 5-Wisdom; 17-Prophetic]  
27 in the New Testament [4-Biography; 1-History; 21-Epistles/Letters; 1-Revelation]
2. The Bible was written over a period of almost 1,600 years.
3. More than 40 human writers contributed to the Scriptures.
4. The Bible has one Author – The Holy Spirit  
2 Peter 1:20-21– “Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.”

**C. Six Significant Concepts about the Bible**

1. **Revelation** – The process whereby the Scriptures are “God-breathed.” The Scriptures originate with God (2 Timothy 3:15-17, Jeremiah 20:9).
2. **Inspiration** – The process whereby the Holy Spirit guarantees the accuracy of the Scriptures (2 Peter 1:20-21; Jeremiah 26:2).
3. **Illumination** – The process whereby the Holy Spirit causes us to understand the Scriptures (John 14:26 – “But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”).

4. **Infallible** – The Bible is not liable to error. It is incapable of being wrong or mistaken or inaccurate or misleading. It is absolutely trustworthy and sure. People may err, but the Bible does not (Matthew 22:29).

5. **Inerrant** – The Bible, in the original autographs, is totally free from error of any kind. In God's Holy Word, there are no errors, no mistakes, no flaws, no contradictions, no discrepancies, no inconsistencies, no inaccuracies, no disagreements, no imperfections, no defects, no deceptions, no blunders, no misconceptions, no miscomputations (mistakes with numbers), and no misstatements (Psalm 119:160a – "The very essence of your words is truth").

6. **Authoritative** – The Bible has absolute authority; power, dominion, rule, and control over me so that I must bow before the authority of the Word (Isaiah 66:2, Ezra 9:4, 1 Samuel 3:9-10) without doubting it, debating it, questioning it (Genesis 3:1), contradicting it (Genesis 3:4), disbelieving it, changing it, redefining it, adding to it, subtracting from it (Revelation 22:18-19); or objecting to it.

#### D. Practical Suggestions for Reading the Bible

1. **Read regularly.**
2. **Read slowly.**
3. **Read systematically.**
4. **Read carefully.**
5. **Read inquisitively.**
6. **Read prayerfully.**

Psalm 119:18 – "Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions."

#### E. Why Study the Bible

1. It is the Word of God!
2. God has revealed Himself through the Scriptures (James 1:17-18; Psalm 90:2; John 5:39).
3. We see ourselves revealed in Scripture (Romans 3:10-19).
4. The Bible keeps us from sin (Psalm 119:9, 11 – "How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word... <sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.").
5. The Bible provides spiritual nourishment (1 Peter 2:2 – "Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment.").
6. The Bible gives us a blueprint for spiritual living (Psalm 119:105 – "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.").
7. The Word of God brings to life the unregenerate heart (Romans 10:17 – "So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.").

#### F. The Bible is the only life-changing book.

Hebrews 4:12; John 6:63, 6:68; Philippians 2:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:13

G. God's Word is for the World (that means you!)

Romans 3:23; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 1 John 5:13

H. Context is king!

God has spoken! He has spoken through His Word, the Bible. Because of this, we say that the Bible is our only rule for faith and practice. That is, the Bible is our guide in making all decisions.

Sword Bible Study Method

In-depth Bible Study (Handout)

# Sword Bible Study Method

There are many different “methods” for studying the Bible. Here we present one of the more basic methods. If you are interested in more in-depth study, please see our course on “Bible Study Methods.” The idea behind the “Sword Bible Study Method” is to equip you to look at any passage of Scripture and get the big idea from that passage. It also encourages you to look for ways to obey what the Bible says. While the Bible may have only one correct interpretation, there are several different applications for that passage.

Hebrews 4:12 says, *“For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

This picture of a sword helps us to understand and teach any Bible passage. When we think of a sword, we think of four parts of the sword, and six questions we need to ask.

First, *pray* for God to show you what He wants you to see in this passage. Ask God to show you what to do as well. Second, *read* the passage through three times. Third, *answer* the questions.

The tip points up to the heavens:

**What do we learn about God? Jesus? Holy Spirit?**

The handle is held by people:

**What do we learn about people?**

Use the acronym “SPEC” to help remember four questions about the blades:

Left Blade:

**Is there a sin to avoid? (S)**

**Is there a promise/principle to believe? (P)**

Right Blade:

**Is there an example to follow? (E)**

**Is there a command to obey? (C)**

