



# CANCELLING CULTURE: ESTABLISHING BIBLICAL FILTERS FOR TODAY'S WORLD

Session 1: Unlocking the Power of your  
Bible!

# THE STATE OF BIBLICAL LITERACY IN THE US

- Fewer than half of all adults can name the four gospels.
- Many Christians cannot identify more than two or three of the disciples.
- 60 percent of Americans can't name even five of the Ten Commandments.
- 82 percent of Americans, "God helps those who help themselves," is a Bible verse.
- A majority of adults think the Bible teaches that the most important purpose in life is taking care of one's family.
- 12 percent of adults believe that Joan of Arc was Noah's wife.
- Another survey of graduating high school seniors revealed that over 50 percent thought that Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife.
- A considerable number of respondents to one poll indicated that the Sermon on the Mount was preached by Billy Graham.

# BIBLICAL LITERACY POP QUIZ

- True or False- The Word teaches that God created the world in exactly 7 days?
- Who is the famous grandmother of David?
- Name the two disciples that were considered to replace Judas Iscariot
- What passage is foundational for the theological concept of justification by faith?
- True or False- Christian orthodoxy teaches that humans do not have free choice in anything, including salvation, because of the omnipotence and omniscience of God.
- True or False- Those that worship other gods sincerely and in faith will be saved and given eternal life.

# THE VISION- WHAT SHOULD WE BE RIGHT NOW?

- A mountain that rises (Isa. 2:2; Mic. 4:1)
- A teaching center for the nations (Isa. 2:2)
- A desired destination (Zech. 8:23)
- A light to those in dark places (Isa. 9:2; Matt. 5:14-16)

# GETTING BACK TO WHO WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE: UNLOCKING OUR BIBLES

- **Key 1- Lordship**- everything proceeds by revelation from Him (John 1:1-5; John 5:37-41; Acts 2:36)
- Revelation is made possible for us by Holy Spirit (John 14:26-27; 16:5-15; Gal. 2:2)
- Consistent reading of the Word is a sign of His Lordship (Jos. 1:8; Ps. 1:2-3); the “law of kings” and the Word (Deut. 17:18-19)

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- **Key 2- Study! Study! Study!**
- Most Western Christians practice devotional reading as opposed to studying
- 2 Tim. 2:15- “Approval” (*dokimos*= passing the necessary test; acceptable; genuine; tried)

# TOOLS FOR STUDYING THE WORD

- <https://biblehub.com/>
- <https://www.blueletterbible.org/>
- <https://www.abarim-publications.com/index.html>
- <https://ccel.org/>
- Google scholar

# A FEW METHODS FOR STUDYING THE WORD

- Historically- “What is the history of this idea/truth/revelation/etc.?” (Not living in a vacuum!)
- Topically- “What does the Word say about...?”
- Statistically- “How many times does X occur in the Word?”
- Systematically- “What is the relationship between these ideas in the Word?”
- Word Study- “What is the meaning/significance of this word/name?”
- **Note: Everything here starts with a “research question”; STUDY!!!!**





## PRACTICING THE CRAFT

- Study 1 Tim. 2:8-15 and decide what one can safely say about what Paul commands here.