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CREATION TO NEW CREATION:
JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION

CC 100: *THE WHOLE IN ONE*
(THE WHOLE BIBLE IN ONE QUARTER)

Spring Quarter 2020

Date/Time: Monday (weekly), 6:30-8:30 p.m., March 2–May 11, 2020 (-April 6)

Instructors: Team (V. Steiner, J. Burks, C. Steiner)

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

For many people the Bible is a big, intimidating, and confusing book. Making sense of it can be daunting, even for Christians who have heard many parts of it read or have tried to read it themselves. If Sacred Scripture is God’s love gift to his people, as the Church teaches, then why, we might wonder, did he give us words that are hard to understand, that sound strange and foreign, and sometimes even offensive and off-putting?

This ten-week course is designed to help people find their way around in the Bible by providing a framework that is easy to grasp, and a panoramic view of God’s grand story: *Creation to New Creation*. It offers a *Journey through Scripture from Genesis to Revelation* at a quick pace, following the outline of the fuller and more in-depth three-year curriculum by the same title. In this way, the course provides an orientation to the whole Bible and a foretaste of what awaits those who immerse themselves more fully in the pages of Scripture. It’s an “on ramp” for those who prefer to merge more gradually into the main stream of Emmaus courses. Following a general introduction to the Bible itself (what it is, how we got it, how to read it, how to pray with it), students will gain an appreciation for each of its parts, including a sense of how all 73 books fit into and contribute to the Bible’s main plot.

2. COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course aims to help the student:

- 2.1. Develop a familiarity with the Bible as Sacred Scripture in which God speaks to his people, including an understanding of how we got it, how we are to read it, what it says, and how we can pray with it;
- 2.2. Gain an orientation to the biblical storyline from beginning to end, in a way that is memorable and transferable, and that fuels a desire for still deeper and more extensive study;
- 2.3. Make sense of the entire Bible as a comprehensive whole, appreciating how all the parts (the two Testaments and the individual books) contribute to an overarching message, and how that unity provides the context for each of its parts (including the ability to recite by memory and in order the names of the 73 biblical books);

- 2.4. Discover his or her place in the biblical story—the *theo-drama*, which God is directing—as one who is addressed by the divine voice which Scripture speaks, by which God’s people are called to live as those who belong to the biblical Lord and as agents of new creation in the world;
- 2.5. Prepare a notebook of materials suitable for leading a one-on-one or small group study through the same.

3. COURSE TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS

3.1. Required

Sacred Scripture, the Bible (preferably RSVCE 2nd edition)
Instructors’ notes (provided and included in the registration cost)

3.2. Recommended:

Bartholomew, Craig G. and Michael W. Goheen, *The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story*. 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2014.

Bergsma, John. *Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History*. Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria, 2012.

Hahn, Scott. *A Father Who Keeps His Promises: God’s Covenant Love in Scripture*. Cincinnati: Servant Books, 1998.

Kreeft, Peter. *You Can Understand the Bible: A Practical Guide to Each Book in the Bible*. San Francisco: Ignatius, 2005.

The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: New Testament. San Francisco: Ignatius, 2010.

Sri, Edward and Curtis Martin. *The Real Story: Understanding the Big Picture of the Bible*. Beacon, 2012.

4. COURSE SCHEDULE AND BIBLE READING

4.1. Schedule

CLASS/DATE		TOPIC/SECTION	BIBLICAL BOOKS	INSTRUCTOR
1	3/2	Introduction to the Bible: What It Is, How We Got It, How to Read It, What It Says, How to Pray with It		V. Steiner J. Burks
2	3/9	The Shape of the Bible and the Two-Testament Witness to the Triune God		V. Steiner C. Steiner
3	3/16	The Pentateuch (Creation, Corruption, and Covenant I)	Gen, Exod, Lev, Num, Deut	C. Steiner V. Steiner
4	3/23	The Historical Books (Covenant II)	Josh, Judg, Ruth, 1-2 Sam, 1-2 Kgs, 1-2 Chron, Ezra, Neh, Tob, Jdt, Esth, 1-2 Macc	C. Steiner V. Steiner J. Burks
5	3/30	The Psalms and Wisdom Books (Covenant III)	Job, Pss, Prov, Eccl, Song, Wis, Sir	C. Steiner V. Steiner J. Burks
	4/6	NO CLASS		

6	4/13	The Prophets (Covenant IV)	Isa, Jer, Lam, Bar, Ezek	C. Steiner V. Steiner
7	4/20	The Prophets (Covenant V)	Daniel The Twelve (Hos-Mal)	C. Steiner V. Steiner
8	4/27	The Gospels (Christ)	Matt, Mark, Luke, John	V. Steiner J. Burks
9	5/4	Acts and the Letters (Church I)	Acts Rom, 1-2 Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col, 1-2 Thess, 1-2 Tim, Titus, Phlm	V. Steiner J. Burks
10	5/11	The Letters (Church II) The Apocalypse (Consummation, Creation Restored)	Hebrews, Jas, 1-2 Pet, 1-3 John, Jude Revelation	J. Burks C. Steiner

4.2. Recommended Bible Reading

CLASS/DATE		SELECTED PASSAGES
1	3/2	
2	3/9	
3	3/16	Gen 1-12; 22:1-19; Exod 3:1-15; 19-20; Lev 1; 19; Deut 6; 18; 34
4	3/23	Josh 1; Jdg 2:6-3:6; Ruth 1; 1 Sam 1:1-2; 2 Sam 7; 1 Kgs 8; 12; 2 Kgs 2; 17; 25 Ezra 1; Neh 1-2; Tob 1-3; Esth 1-2; 1 Macc 1-3; 2 Macc 6-7
5	3/30	Job 1-2; 28; 42; Pss 1-2; 13; 51; 113; Prov 1; 8; Eccl 1; 12; Song 8; Wis 6; Sir 1-2
6	4/13	Isa 1:1-2:6; 6; 40; 53; Jer 1; 31; Lam 3; Bar 3-5; Ezek 36-37
7	4/20	Dan 1; 7; 9; Hos 1-3; Mal 1; 4
8	4/27	Matt 1; 5-7; 26-28; Mark 1; 8-10; Luke 1-2; 15; 22-24; John 1-3; 6; 10-11; 13-17; 20-21
9	5/4	Acts 1-2; 10; 15-16; 20; 28; Rom 1; 12; 1 Cor 1; 12-13; Gal 1; 5; Eph 1; 4; Phil 1-2; Col 1; 3; 1 Thess 1; 5; 1 Tim 1-3; 2 Tim 3-4; Titus 1
10	5/11	Heb 1; 10-13; Jas 1-2; 1 Pet 1-2; 2 Pet 1; 1 John 1; 5; Jude 1; Rev 1-5; 12; 18-22

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