

# Bible Studies Series

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Five modules of three lectures each. Parishes can choose one off, few or all modules.

## MODULE ONE

1. "In the beginning, God... "  
*What is Truth for the Scriptures?*  
*The Bible world-view and our own*  
*An argument with science?*
2. "What is man that Thou art mindful of him?"  
*The real purpose and end of man*  
*The mystery of the two trees – and what is death?*  
*The creation and primacy of life*  
*Marriage and family – the blessing of life*  
*The holiness of sex*
3. "If you do the Good, ... "  
God's definition of Good and how to know it (Wisdom)  
*Original Sin and the Great Commandments*  
*Sinning, the Law and the devil*  
*Guilt, objective and subjective*  
*Mercy and the costly repentance of God*

## MODULE TWO

1. "Every inclination of man's heart was evil continuously"  
*The servants revolt and the righteous remnant*  
*God's goal for His world*  
*Starting small and the call of Abraham*  
*The story of Joseph and his brothers – a parable of Adam*
2. "I have called My people out of Egypt"  
"Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?"  
*The call of Moses and prophecy*  
*The Passover and the Wilderness*  
*The first Pentecost to the Jordan*  
*Baptism and the Jordan*
3. "I will give you a land in which to dwell in perpetuity"  
*Immortality and the family*  
*The parable of Ruth and other significant women*  
*Growing pains of a people – the time of the judges*  
*and the rise of nationalism*

## MODULE THREE

1. "Let them have a king."  
*Saul and David*  
*Solomon and the House of David*  
*The kings of the north*  
*Exile and the descent into hell*
2. "A priest forever"  
*Origins of the priesthood, Aaron and Melchizedek*  
*The ark and the Temple*  
*The Atonement*
3. "I will give you one sign, the sign of Jonah"  
*The connection of the Old Testament and the New Jesus and the fulfilment of prophecy*  
*The Church's work of evangelism and mission*  
*Benefits for the individual*

## MODULE FOUR

- Why do I hurt if I am good?
- Biblical Covenant and Marriage Contract (I)
- Biblical Covenant and Marriage Contract (II)

## MODULE FIVE

### The Great festivals of Faith

1. The Passover
2. The Feast of Tabernacles or Tents
3. The Feast of Weeks or Pentecost



A friendly, relaxed atmosphere  
but above all prayerful  
and informative ...  
Deeply insightful, relevant and assuring...  
Excellent content... Answered a lot of  
questions, gave peace and hope...  
*Taken from completed evaluation forms*

## BIBLE TALKS AND STUDY GROUPS

Bible studies attract people from all walks of life and they all bring different expectations. There are many different ways to study the Bible. One of the ways is to listen to good talks on the Bible. The quality of the speaker is most important in this case. Some parishes go with "one-off" talk and some run a series talks on the Bible. The Agency for Evangelisation offers some advice, contacts and some financial support to organise Bible studies in the parish when other parishes may be invited to join.

The second, and perhaps most common approach is to have a Bible study group when one of the parishioners or individual group leader leads the group. Many different materials can be used. Some of them provide a good explanation of the text to be reflected on and prayed about. Any good Catholic bookshop will have a number of Bible study guides on offer. It is up to the group to decide how and what they would like to do.

In the appendices you will find a number of possible talks and series of talks on the Bible to choose from.

If the parish is interested in getting some help, please contact the Agency for Evangelisation.

