



SEMESTER 1 - WEEK 1

OVERVIEW, WORD OF GOD

PURPOSE OF EQUIPPING MEN & EQUIPPING WOMEN MINISTRIES

To equip and encourage men and women of Gilbert Bible Church to shepherd their hearts toward Jesus with the Word of God so that they live gospel-transformed lives, thus maturing in the faith and being a means of strengthening the church in its gospel purpose for the glory of God.

Shepherding your heart *is the intentional practice of bringing your heart to the Word of God so that it is informed and transformed by the God of the Word.*

What shepherding your heart is not:

What shepherding your heart is:

EXPECTATIONS

- Bible reading
- Participation
 - prayerful contemplation of lessons
 - serving others
 - attendance when able and listening to lessons when absent



OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLICAL DISCIPLINES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

D-1 THE HEART

The faithful Christian shepherds their heart worshipfully toward God through the Word of God.

D-2 THE HOME

The faithful Christian is concerned for those in their home and ministers to them in according to their role with their heart fixed on God and His Word.

D-3 MINISTRY

The faithful Christian, with a heart fixed on keeping their God-given ministry within the home a priority, steps into the church and every additional part of life to shepherd others toward God and the gospel.



THE WORD OF GOD [BIBLIOLOGY]

HISTORY OF THE BIBLE

INSPIRATION

“God superintended the human authors of the Bible so that they composed and recorded without error His message to mankind in the words of their original writings.” (C. Ryrie, Basic Theology, 38)

INERRANCY

“The inerrancy of Scripture means that Scripture in the original manuscripts does not affirm anything that is contrary to fact” (Grudem, 90)

AUTHORITY



HERMENEUTICS

The study of the process and rules of Bible interpretation.

MY HEART AND MY BIBLE

- Clear
- Necessary
- Sufficient



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Ministry Passages

THE DISCIPLINES

D1- Proverbs 4:23 — Guard your heart

23 *Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.*

D2-Ephesians 5:22-33 — Instruction for husbands and wives

D3-Ephesians 4:14-16 — Body causes the growth of the body

14 *As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;*
15 *but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,*
16 *from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Hebrews 4:12 — The Word is living and active

12 *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

II Tim 3:16-17 — God Breathed and Useful

16 *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

Psalms 19 — General Revelation/Special Revelation

Psalms 119 — Worship and the Word!



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QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATIONS

1. Where do you see evidence of God's grace in the way you currently shepherd your heart?
Where do you most need to grow? What are the common things that keep you from regular bible reading and prayer?

2. Why is it possible to read the Bible regularly, know sound theology, and yet fail to shepherd your heart? How can we guard against that?

3. If Scripture is inspired, inerrant, and authoritative, how should that shape the way you respond when its teaching confronts your desires, assumptions, or behavior?