Adult BSFL 2009-2010 Study Plans

Know Jesus? – September 6-27, 2009

This study, based on Mark 1–10, will guide learners to know Jesus as the unique Son of God. Learners will observe Jesus' interaction with God the Father and with people, His life as an example for us, and the realities of being His disciple. Learners will see that Jesus is the powerful Messiah and by knowing Him they are transformed.

September	6	*The Jesus People Should Know* Mark 1:1-3,7,9-13,21-28
September	13	*The People Jesus Knows* Mark 2:3-12,15-17,23-28
September	20	*The Challenges of Knowing Jesus* Mark 6:1-6a,45-52; 7:8-9,13
September	27	*The Results of Knowing Jesus* **[Evangelism Lesson]** Mark 8:34-38; 9:33-37; 10:32-34

Discipleship: The Epic Adventure—October 4-25, 2009

Jesus challenges us to live a life that is anything but mundane. This four-week study based on Mark 11–16 presents Jesus as the ultimate Hero who invites His followers to a journey with Him that is full of challenge, intrigue, power, and victory.

October 4	*The Warrior Hero* Mark 11:12-25
October 11	*The Hero Doing Battle* Mark 12:13-17,28-31,38-40
October 18	*The Hero Betrayed* Mark 14:27-34,37-38,43,48-50
October 25	*The Hero Victorious* Mark 15:1-5,12-13,32,37-39; 16:1,5-7

Confront Casual Christianity—November 1-29, 2009

This five-session study based on the Letter of James confronts casual Christianity by guiding believers to express their faith by who they are, how they think, and what they do.

November	1	*Live Your Faith* James 1:19-25; 2:14,18-26
November	8	*Celebrate Your Trials* James 1:2-18

November 15	*Treat Everyone Equally* James 2:1-13
November 22	*Watch Your Language* James 3:1-18
November 29	*Work on Your Humility* James 4:1-17

God's Christmas Songs—December 6-27, 2009

Music has a way of touching the deepest level of who we are as humans. Christmas music is no exception. Christmas music is a reminder that God invaded the earth in Christ to meet our deepest needs as people. This study will focus on four different passages that reflect the songs God has orchestrated to remind His people that He is the ultimate supplier of human needs.

December 6	*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Micah 5:1-5a; 7:18-20
December 13	*Joy to the World* Luke 1:46-55
December 20	*Go, Tell It on the Mountain* Luke 1:67-79
December 27	*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Philippians 2:5-11

Wrestling with Life's Mysteries—January 3-31, 2010

This study from Ecclesiastes examines difficult life issues including the meaning of life, time, injustice, materialism, and work.

January 3	*Wrestling with the Meaning of Life* **[Evangelism Lesson]** Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 12:13-14
January 10	*Wrestling with Time* Ecclesiastes 3:1-14
January 17	*Wrestling with Injustice* **[Sanctity of Human Life Lesson]** Ecclesiastes 3:16-17; 4:1; 8:2-13
January 24	*Wrestling with Stuff* Ecclesiastes 2:4-8; 5:10-16
January 31	*Wrestling with Work* Ecclesiastes 2:18-26; 5:18-20

Battle for the Mind—February 7-28,2010

This four-session study will explore the battle for the mind. The lessons are about distinguishing two conflicting mind-sets, pursuing a way of thinking that contributes to spiritual growth, thinking and acting in ways consistent with new life in Christ, and winning the battle for the mind by putting on the full armor of God.

February 7	*Are You in the Right Mind?* Romans 8:5-8; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
February 14	*What Will It Take to Change Your Mind?* Philippians 3:2-15; 4:8
February 21	*What's on Your Mind?* Colossians 3:1-14
February 28	*How Can You Keep from Losing Your Mind?* 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:10-17

Church Gone Wrong—March 7-April 4, 2010

This study theme, based on selected passages from 1 Corinthians, examines problems in the Corinthian church and how Paul addressed those problems.

March 7	*When Members Won't Get Along* 1 Corinthians 1:10-15,26-29; 3:1-4
March 14	*When Immorality Comes to Church* 1 Corinthians 5:1-2,9-13; 6:15-20
March 21	*When Members Insist on Their Way* 1 Corinthians 8:1-4,7-13; 10:31-33
March 28	*When Worship Dishonors God* 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
April 4	*When Easter Becomes Just Another Holiday* 1 Corinthians 15:1-4,12-19,54b-58 **[Easter Coordinated Evangelism Lesson]**

Ministry Done Right—April 11-25, 2010

This study theme, based on selected passages from 2 Corinthians, examines the nature of Christian ministry, qualities required of all who do ministry, and the motivations for doing ministry. It also will look at financial giving as a means of doing and supporting ministry.

April 11	*The Right Stuff* 2 Corinthians 2:14-17; 3:4-5,18; 4:1-2,5-6,16-18

April	18	*The Right Motivation* 2 Corinthians 5:9-21
April	25	*The Right Support* 2 Corinthians 8:8-15; 9:6-11

"I (Still) Do"—May 2-30, 2010

Using selected Old and New Testament passages, this study explores the biblical perspective of marriage and society's effort to redefine marriage.

May	2	*"In the Presence of God"* Genesis 1:26-28a; 2:7,15-22
May	9	*"I Take You"* Genesis 2:23-25; Malachi 2:13-15; Matthew 19:3-12
May	16	*"To Love and to Cherish"* Ephesians 5:21-33; 1 Peter 3:7
May	23	*"I Pledge You My Faithfulness"* Matthew 5:27-30; Proverbs 5:15-21; 6:25-32
May	30	*"From This Day Forward"* Psalm 51:6-10; Song of Songs 2:15; Acts 18:24-26; Romans 16:3-5a

God Is Still in Control—June 6-27, 2010

This four-session study from 1 Samuel 1–12 examines episodes of disobedience and crises in Israel's history. Despite Israel's rebellion God was still in control.

June	6	*When Leaders Fail* 1 Samuel 2:22-25; 3:11-21
June	13	*When Religion Fails* 1 Samuel 4:3-5,10,20-22; 5:1-4; 6:19-22
June	20	*When External Threats Come* 1 Samuel 7:2-17
June	27	*When I Make Poor Choices* 1 Samuel 8:6-9; 12:13-25

Power Up—July 4-25, 2010

This study is about God's choosing David to be king, David's facing Goliath, David's seeking God's leadership for every decision, and David's sparing Saul's life.

July 4		*The Power of Choice* 1 Samuel 13:8-14; 16:6-13

July 11	*The Power of Courage* 1 Samuel 17:8-11,32-39,45-47
July 18	*The Power of Petition* 1 Samuel 22:17-20; 23:1-6,9-13
July 25	*The Power of Loyalty* 1 Samuel 24:20-22; 26:1-2,7-12,21-25

The Essentials of Success—August 1-29, 2010

This study in 2 Samuel is about the successes and failures of David's reign as king. David was not a perfect leader, but he was a successful leader. By examining key events in the life of King David, we can learn that the essential elements of success include reverence, purpose, kindness, confession, and courage.

August 1	*Respect God's Holiness* 2 Samuel 6:1-15,17
August 8	*Focus on God's Purposes* 2 Samuel 7:1-7,11b-16,18-21
August 15	*Demonstrate Kindness* 2 Samuel 9:1-13
August 22	*Deal with Personal Sin* 2 Samuel 11:2-5,14-15; 12:7a,10-14; Psalm 51:1-4
August 29	*Face Crises with Courage* 2 Samuel 15:13-14,24-26,30-37; 19:7-8a