

How to Teach the Bible

Lesson 3:

The Centrality of Christ

Salvation History

- In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth to be saved, reconciled, renewed, and ruled by Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 1:19)
- Creation, Fall, Redemption, Re-Creation—at the center of this narrative stands Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:20; Colossians 1:15-18)
- Jesus proclaims, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Rev. 1:8; 22:13)
- KNOW THE GOSPEL!

The Road to Emmaus: All Scripture Points to Him

- Matthew’s genealogy demonstrates who is the purpose of salvation history. Matthew’s conclusion commands us to go and tell. Matthew 1; 28:18-20
- Luke’s introductory chapters are a demonstration of what Jesus reveals on the road to Emmaus—“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 1-3; 24:27)
- John introduces Jesus as “The Word”. He summarizes his gospel by saying all of the words contained in it are meant to compel us to believe in Jesus. (John 1; 20:30-31)

Driving at the Cross

- There must be a simplicity to our teaching; like Paul we should not cloud the waters with many words and fancy, religious language (1 Cor. 2:2)
- Ultimately, we must ask how any passage of Scripture calls us to believe and live in Jesus. (John 20:30-31)

Practice

- *Philippians 2:14-18*

- *Matthew 5:2-12*

- *Leviticus 14:1-7*