

# Teacher's Outline

Based on the *Certificate of Biblical Studies Student Handbook*.

## The Purpose and Responsibility

### Certificate of Biblical Studies Student

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#### Teaching Aim

- To clarify the **purpose** of the Certificate of Biblical Studies
  - To explain the **responsibilities** of the student
  - To establish **Scripture** as the final authority in study and discipleship
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#### Lesson Introduction

This lesson introduces the purpose and structure of the Certificate of Biblical Studies. It explains how students are expected to study, learn, and grow through God's Word.

#### Opening Discussion Prompt:

Why is personal study of the Bible necessary for spiritual growth?

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## 1. The Purpose of Biblical Study

#### Teaching Points

- Biblical study is for **learning Christ**, not gaining status
- The goal is **understanding and obedience**
- Disciples are **learners**, not spectators
- Truth is revealed through **Scripture**, not tradition

#### Scripture Focus

Paul writes in **2 Timothy 2:2**:

*“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”*

#### Teacher Emphasis Notes

- Stress learning that leads to living
  - Emphasise Scripture as the authority, not institutions
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## 2. The Student as a Disciple and Learner

### Teaching Points

- A disciple is a **continual learner**
- Learning requires **eagerness and discipline**
- Growth comes through **personal responsibility**
- Every learner is called to teach others

### Scripture

Jesus says in **Matthew 28:19**:

*“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”*

### Teacher Emphasis Notes

- Explain that teaching here means making disciples
  - Reinforce lifelong learning in the Gospel Day
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## 3. Responsibilities of the Student

### Teaching Points

- Study is **self-paced**, but serious
- Workbooks must be completed **individually**
- Honesty and integrity are required
- Mastery is expected before progressing

### Scripture Focus

Paul writes in **2 Timothy 2:15**:

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

### Teacher Emphasis Notes

- Encourage careful and patient study
  - Highlight approval comes from God, not people
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## 4. Discipleship and Multiplication

### Teaching Points

- Learning leads to **discipleship**

- Truth is meant to be **passed on**
- Students are prepared to **help others learn**
- The course supports the work of multiplication

### Scripture

Jesus says in **John 8:31**:

*“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;”*

### Teacher Emphasis Notes

- Emphasise continuation in the Word
  - Connect study with obedience and faithfulness
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### Conclusion

The Certificate of Biblical Studies is a tool for learning Christ through His Word. Faithful study produces disciples who can teach others.

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### Optional Review Questions

1. What is the main purpose of biblical study?
2. Why is personal responsibility important in learning?
3. How does Scripture define a disciple?
4. Why must truth be passed on to others?