

Foundations of the Faith

Wednesday Bible Study
Schedule

Section One: The Foundation

Week 1: Why Foundations Matter

- What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- The difference between knowing about God and knowing God
- Matthew 7:24-27
- Hebrews 6:1-2

Weeks 2-3: Who Is God?

- The nature and character of God
- God as Creator, Father, Judge, and Savior
- The Trinity
- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Weeks 4-5: Who Is Jesus?

- Jesus as fully God and fully man
- His birth, life, death, resurrection, and return
- Why Jesus is the only way to salvation
- John 1:1-14
- John 14:6
- Colossians 1:15-20

Section Two: Salvation

Weeks 6-7: What Is Sin?

- The origin and nature of sin
- Why sin separates humanity from God
- Personal sin and the sinful condition of mankind
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23

Weeks 8-10: How Is a Person Saved?

- Grace, faith, repentance, and confession
- What it means to be born again
- Salvation is not earned through works
- Assurance of salvation
- John 3:1-17
- Romans 10:9-13
- Ephesians 2:8-10

Week 11: How to Lead Someone to Christ

- How to explain the gospel simply
- How to share your testimony
- How to invite someone to respond
- What not to say or pressure someone into
- Practice conversations during class

A simple framework could be:

- God created us for relationship with Him.
- Sin separates us from God.
- Jesus died and rose again for our salvation.
- We must repent, believe, and follow Him.

Section Three: Baptism and New Life

Weeks 12-13: Water Baptism

- Why believers are baptized
- What baptism represents
- Baptism and salvation
- Who should be baptized
- Baptism by immersion
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Acts 2:38-41
- Romans 6:1-4

Week 14: What Happens After Salvation?

- Becoming a disciple
- Growth, obedience, and transformation
- Leaving the old life behind
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Luke 9:23

Section Four: The Holy Spirit

Weeks 15-17: Who Is the Holy Ghost?

- The Holy Spirit is a person, not merely a feeling or force
- The Holy Spirit's work in salvation
- The indwelling presence of the Spirit
- Conviction, guidance, comfort, and power
- John 14:16-17
- John 16:7-15
- Acts 1:8

Weeks 18-19: The Baptism and Filling of the Holy Spirit

- The difference between indwelling, baptism, and filling

- The purpose of spiritual power
- Major biblical interpretations
- Avoiding emotional manipulation and doctrinal extremes
- Acts 2
- Acts 8
- Acts 10
- Acts 19

Weeks 20-21: Spiritual Gifts

- What spiritual gifts are
- Why gifts are given
- Gifts must operate through love and biblical order
- Discovering and using your gifts
- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12-14
- Ephesians 4:11-16

Section Five: Growing as a Believer

Week 22: How to Read and Understand the Bible

- Why Scripture matters
- Context, interpretation, and application
- Avoiding taking verses out of context
- Building a daily reading habit
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Week 23: How to Pray

- What prayer is
- How Jesus taught us to pray
- Asking, listening, worship, confession, and intercession
- Matthew 6:5-13

Week 24: Worship

- Worship as more than music
- Worship in spirit and truth
- Private and corporate worship
- Romans 12:1
- John 4:23-24

Week 25: The Church

- Why believers need the local church
- Fellowship, accountability, communion, service, and leadership
- Acts 2:42-47
- Hebrews 10:24-25

Week 26: Communion

- What the Lord's Supper represents
- Remembering Christ's sacrifice
- Self-examination and unity
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Section Six: Living the Faith

Weeks 27-28: The Christian Life

- Holiness, obedience, and grace
- Works as evidence of faith, not the cause of salvation
- The fruit of the Spirit
- Galatians 5:16-25
- James 2:14-26

Week 29: Temptation and Spiritual Warfare

- Recognizing temptation
- Resisting the enemy
- The armor of God
- Ephesians 6:10-18
- James 4:7

Week 30: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

- Receiving God's forgiveness
- Forgiving others
- Boundaries, wisdom, and reconciliation
- Matthew 6:14-15
- Ephesians 4:31-32

Week 31: Sharing Your Faith

- Evangelism in everyday life
- Sharing truth with grace
- Answering difficult questions honestly
- 1 Peter 3:15
- Matthew 5:13-16

Week 32: The Return of Christ and Our Eternal Hope

- The return of Jesus
- Resurrection and judgment
- Heaven, eternity, and Christian hope
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Revelation 21