

## THE WORD TRAINING – SESSION 1 - INFORMATION

God's Truth is a very important impetus for GROWING, SHARING, SERVING, and COACHING. This lesson teaches you how to increase knowledge of Scripture by understanding the INFORMATION. In the following weeks, you will learn how to read Scripture for TRANSFORMATION, PERSONALIZATION, and FACILITATION.

**ASSIGNMENT 1:** Decide on book of the Bible and a Commentary and obtain access to one this week. This training we will be working with the book of Galatians. One of the following two commentaries are suggested:

1. **The Bible Knowledge Commentary – New Testament (BKC):** This commentary is of the entire New Testament. It is a verse-by-verse, phrase-by-phrase walk through the entire Bible. It explains problem passages, alleged discrepancies, customs, geographical locations, key Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words. It includes for each book an introduction and discussion of author, background, purpose, outline, commentary, and bibliography.  
**Walvoord, John F., and Roy B. Zuck.** *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures.* Wheaton, Ill: Victor Books, 1983. Link to Amazon: <http://bit.ly/BibleCommentary> - Approximately \$30.
2. **Galatians: Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (BECNT):** This commentary is only on the book of Galatians. It blends academic sophistication, pastoral sensitivity, and accessibility. It also includes abbreviations and Hebrew and Greek transliteration and provides indexes of subjects, authors, Greek words, Scripture passages, and other ancient writings.  
**Moo, Douglas J.** *Galatians.* Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2013. Link to Amazon: <http://bit.ly/GalatiansCommentary> - Approximately \$35.

### **Other respected commentary series with individual books of Bible**

- a) **Pillar New Testament Commentary Series - PNTC** (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans). Designed both for serious students and for general readers. Interact with contemporary debate yet avoid undue technical detail.
- b) **Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament - BECNT** (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic). Blends academic sophistication, pastoral sensitivity, and accessibility.
- c) **The New American Commentary Series on Old and New Testament - NAC** (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers). The NIV text printed in the body of the commentary. Readable and applicable exposition.
- d) **New International Commentary on Old and New Testament - NIC** (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans). Verse-by-verse commentary. In-depth discussion of textual and critical matters.

**ASSIGNMENT 2:** Before beginning each book of the Bible you study, document the overall context of the book. The context may include the author, date, place, purpose, themes etc. The overall context is one of the best uses of a good commentary. This week document the context of the book you are studying by using the sample content that you can access by clicking on the “SampleContext” link on the next page.

**ASSIGNMENT 3:** This week each day document the following on the next page (Approx.5-10 Min. / day)

1. **READ THE WORD:** Get into a quiet un-interrupted space and read approximately 1-4 verses (only) of Scripture using a translation like the NASB. As you slowly read, underline any words or phrases that seem important. (Approx. 1 Min.).
2. **READ THE COMMENTARY:** Read the applicable verses in the commentary you chose to keep orthodox. Read slowly and methodically. Underline any words or phrases that appear important. You can use the “SampleBKC” or “SampleBECNT” links on the next page until you obtain your own commentary. (Approx. 5 Min.).
3. **WRITE THE INFORMATION:** From steps 1 & 2 above summarize the information you learned from reading Scripture and the commentary while listening to the Word. What new information did you learn? What questions occurred? Write this information down. (Approx. 4 Min.).

## Sample Verses

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
<b>Walvoord</b>	Gal. 1:1	1:2-5	1:6-7	1:8-10	1:11-14	1:15-17	1:18-24
<b>Moo</b>	Gal. 1:1	1:2	1:3	1:4	1:5	1:6	1:7

**BOOK CONTEXT:** From your commentary, document the book's overall context. See sample context from *The Bible Knowledge Commentary* here: <http://bit.ly/SampleContext>

Importance: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorship: \_\_\_\_\_

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Original Readers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Time & Place: \_\_\_\_\_

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Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

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**VERSE INFORMATION:** 5-10 Minutes per day. What new information did you learn? What questions occurred?

See sample commentary entries from *The Bible Knowledge Commentary* here: <http://bit.ly/SampleBKC>

See sample commentary entries from *Baker Exegetical Commentary* here: <http://bit.ly/SampleBECNT>

Day 1: Read the verses. Read the Commentary. Summarize the Information below.

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Day 2: Read the verses. Read the Commentary. Summarize the Information below.

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Day 3: Read the verses. Read the Commentary. Summarize the Information below.

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Day 4: Read the verses. Read the Commentary. Summarize the Information below.

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Day 5: Read the verses. Read the Commentary. Summarize the Information below.

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Day 6: Read the verses. Read the Commentary. Summarize the Information below.

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Day 7: Read the verses. Read the Commentary. Summarize the Information below.

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## **SOME INDIVIDUAL FAVORITE COMMENTARIES**

### **MATTHEW**

1. International Critical Commentary (3 Volumes). LOGOS - W. D. Davies and D. C. Allison

### **MARK**

1. The Gospel of Mark – New International Greek Testament Commentary (Eerdmans) R. T. France

### **LUKE**

1. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (2 Volumes) - Darrell L. Bock

### **JOHN**

1. Baker Academic – 2 Volumes - Craig S. Keener
2. Pillar New Testament Commentary - D. A. Carson
3. Wm. B. Eerdmans – Introduction, Exposition, Notes - F. F. Bruce

### **ACTS**

1. The Anchor Yale Bible Commentaries - Joseph A. Fitzmyer S.J.

### **ROMANS**

1. New International Commentary on the New Testament - Douglas J. Moo

### **1 CORINTHIANS**

1. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament - David E. Garland

### **2 CORINTHIANS**

1. The New American Commentary Volume 29 – 2 Corinthians - David E. Garland

### **GALATIANS**

1. Galatians (Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament) - Douglas Moo
2. Word Biblical Commentary Vol. 41 - Richard N. Longenecker

### **EPHESIANS**

1. Pillar New Testament Commentary - Peter T. O'Brien

### **PHILIPPIANS**

1. New International Commentary on the New Testament - Gordon Fee

### **COLOSSIANS-PHILEMON**

1. Word Biblical Commentary Vol. 44 - Peter T. O'Brien

### **THESSALONIANS**

1. Letters to the Thessalonians – Pillar New Testament Commentary - Gene L. Green

### **THE PASTORAL EPISTLES**

1. International Critical Commentary - I. Howard Marshall

### **HEBREWS**

1. Word Biblical Commentary, Vol. 47a, Hebrews 1-8 - William L. Lane  
Word Biblical Commentary, Vol. 47b, Hebrews 9-13 - William L. Lane

### **JAMES**

1. Pillar New Testament Commentary - Douglas J. Moo

### **1 PETER**

1. Hermeneia: A Critical & Historical Commentary on the Bible - Paul J. Achtemeier, Eldon Jay

### **2 PETER, JUDE**

1. Word Biblical Commentary Vol. 50, 2 Peter, Jude - Richard J. Bauckham

### **EPISTLES OF JOHN**

1. Still looking for a favorite

### **REVELATION**

1. The New International Commentary on the New Testament - Robert H. Mounce