

Reformed University Fellowship

How to Study the Bible Conference

Precourse Assignment

Welcome to the RUF *How to Study the Bible* Conference! We believe that God speaks to everyone through His word, but if you have read the Bible much, you know that it can be difficult to understand at times. This conference will give you the tools and practice to understand the three main types of Biblical literature and apply them to your own life.

In our first session we will begin with this assignment, look more at the first twelve chapters of Acts, and discuss some Bible study skills. You will need the assignment in order to participate. (We will ask you to share your answers with the whole group.) Please do not wait until 6:00 pm Friday to do it. You will enjoy it more and learn better if you do it early in the week.

The whole assignment should take about 1½ hours. You could do one part each day for four days during your personal devotions if you would like. Please write your answers on this sheet and bring it with you to the first session. See you Friday!

1. Read “The Student, the Fish, and Agassiz.” This is a story about how a famous professor taught one of his students to study. How many different approaches did the student take in learning about the fish? List them.

How would these apply to Bible Study?

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2. Skim Acts 1-12, looking for repeated or prominent words and ideas.

What are your impressions of Acts?

3. Skim Acts 1-12 again. Try to group the chapters into 3 to 8 logical sections. Give a title to each section. You may be asked to write this on the blackboard on Friday night.

4. What seems to be the main theme of the book?

How would this apply to your life? To your campus fellowship?