



Understanding The Bible

- how and why it was written

This is a two day module which will introduce you to the overall framework of the story of the Bible and look at some issues of how we interpret the text of the Bible in the twenty-first century.

Participants do not need a great deal of Bible knowledge – so long as you know that the Old Testament's at the front and the New Testament's at the back you'll be fine! On the other hand, those with a lifetime's experience of reading the Bible will find some fresh approaches here, as well as much to share with others.

The style of the module is highly participative, including discussion, role-plays, group work and video-clips, alongside more traditional presentation.

The course is spread over two Saturdays. There is a break of a few weeks between the blocks to allow participants the opportunity to do some background work with others in their home parish.

The session themes are as follows:

Day 1 – Bible Overview

1. Introducing the Bible – how did it come to us?
2. The Old Testament - The Story of God's People Part 1
3. The New Testament - The Story of God's People Part 2

Day 2 – Bible Interpretation

4. The Bible as History – what kind of truth does the Bible offer?
5. The Bible as Literature – using imagination in interpretation
6. The Bible as Faith – a basis for Christian discipleship



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