IBS BIBLE EXPOSITION COURSE

Our fundamental convictions about the Word of God are:

"When the Bible speaks, God speaks"
"God's Word does the work"

Our job is to be faithful in handling the Bible as we study it for ourselves and skilful in sharing it with others. It takes hard work to study the Bible and then use it in personal ministry situations like: having a 1-2-1, leading a bible study, giving a children's/youth talk, teaching a lesson, preaching a sermon, writing a blog post, leading a devotion. Often we are thrown into these situations without much preparation or training. This short course will equip you with the tools and give you practical training in how to do these things better.

All of us, whatever our experience, can learn and grow in these things and ought to do so because it is God's Word we're handling: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

February 14th	Studying the Bible Passage
March 13th	Applying the Bible Passage to Real Life
April 10th	Preparing a Life Changing Bible Lesson
May 8th	Writing and Leading a Bible Study
June 12th	Writing and Delivering a Bible Talk

Recommended Introductory Reading:
These five books go with each of the five sessions we'll do together. If you are regularly teaching the Bible they will be worth investing in to gain more and sharpen your existing toolset.

(1) *Handling the Bible*: "**Dig Deeper**: Tools to Unearth the Bible's Treasure" by Andrew Sachs and Nigel Beynon

(2) *Applying the Bible*: "**Cutting to the Heart**: Applying the Bible in Preaching and Teaching" by Chris Green

(3) *Bible Teaching*: "**Teaching to Change Lives**: Seven Proven Ways to Make Your Teaching Come Alive" by Howard Hendricks

(4) *Bible Studies*: "**Leading Better Bible Studies**: Essential Skills for Effective Small Groups" by Karen and Rod Morris

(5) *Bible Preaching*: "**Saving Eutychus**: How to Preach God's Word and Keep People Awake" by Gary Millar and Phil Campbell