

The Objectives of CBT

Knowing the Word

The Word of God does not come alive—it is already alive and active (Hebrews 4:12). Because it is alive and active, God's revelation of Himself, the one who studies it must work hard at "rightly handling the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). At CBT, we want to equip people with skills to correctly use the Scripture and to properly understand the original languages in which they were given.

Knowing the Whole

The Word of God is not a random collection of random writings revealed by God—it is one large narrative about God and His interaction with mankind. With God at the center, we can rightly interpret the whole narrative, rightly understand all He has revealed about Himself in the narrative, and rightly learn all the parts that make-up the narrative. At CBT, we want to equip people with skills to correctly interpret the Scripture and to accurately understand who God is and what He has done.

Knowing the World

The Word of God cannot be broken—it is the remedy for brokenness. As followers of Jesus Christ, we need to be able to provide others with the hope that we have that our brokenness can be healed. Any view of the world without Jesus Christ is insufficient for meaning, purpose, and relationship. At CBT, we want to equip people with skills to develop godly ethics and to engage others properly with the truth.

Church Information

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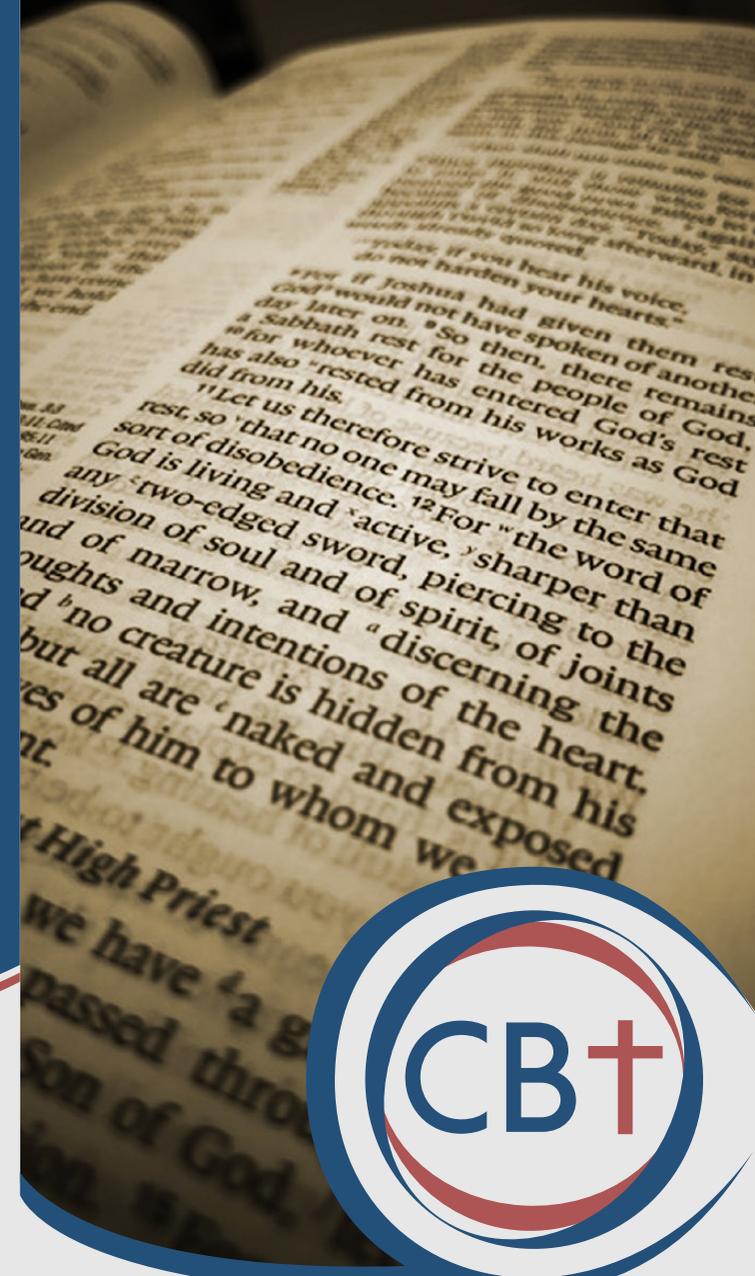
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The CENTER for BIBLICAL TRAINING

Equipping the people of God to grow in their
knowledge of God

The Importance of Knowledge

Peter tells us that God's divine power is the source of all things pertaining to life and godliness and is given through the knowledge of God. Without God's power, our knowledge is incomplete, leaving us with inadequate religious zeal.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence. [2 Peter 1:2-3 (ESV)]

According to Scripture, the life of the mind cannot be separated from the life of the heart. In Philippians 1:9, Paul prays that their "love may abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment." Love abounds as knowledge abounds. Knowing God rightly helps us to love rightly.

Knowledge of God is important because through His promises, we "may become sharers of a divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire" (2 Peter 1:4). God's very character is being produced in us. Knowing God rightly helps us to live rightly.

The Importance of Training

The purpose of CBT is to equip the people of God to grow in their knowledge of God so they become fruitful and effective. The Center for Biblical Training is not an alternative to corporate worship (preaching, praying, praising) or a replacement of church community (communion, confession, commitment).

Corporate worship and community within a local church are necessary and essential for each follower of Jesus. The Center for Biblical Training is a complement to the process of making mature disciples and training faithful leaders.

The ability to grow in knowledge and love takes personal effort. This personal effort helps the church body to flourish, enabling individuals to instruct others in this knowledge and love (Romans 15:14).

All of this requires proper training and the need for training is urgent. Thankfully, God has given Emerald Bible Fellowship, The Rising, and Berean Baptist Church a healthy partnership of like-minded churches to grow together in this training.

The Steps of Training

The Center for Biblical Training offers two unique tracks for learning:

Track 1 is intended to train individuals in essential Church Doctrine and Christian Living.

Track 2 is intended to train individuals in essential skills for Church Leadership (i.e. elders, deacons, teachers, counselors).

The Scopes of Training

Track 1 Hermeneutics, Bible Study Methods, Systematic Theology, Spiritual Disciplines, Church History, Apologetics/Worldview, God-Centered Living

Track 2 (in addition to Track 1) Greek, Hebrew, Diagramming and Arcing, Biblical Theology, Preaching, Mentored Ministry

The Seasons of Training

2017

Term 1 (9/25 – 10/29)
Term 2 (11/12 – 12/17)

2019

Term 3 (1/7 – 2/11)
Term 4 (2/25 – 4/1)
Term 1 (9/23 – 10/28)
Term 2 (11/11 – 12/16)

2018

Term 3 (1/8 – 2/12)
Term 4 (2/26 – 4/2)
Term 1 (9/24 – 10/29)
Term 2 (11/12 – 12/16)

Times: All courses meet on Monday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, for six weeks; various *Track 2 courses will also meet on Sundays.

*Subject to Change

Locations:

Emerald Bible Fellowship and
Berean Baptist Church

*Specifics TBA

