

## Word

Winter 2010 – Boston Chinese Evangelical Church

### **What is “Trellis”:**

A *trellis* is a structure a vine grows on. For BCEC College Ministry, in keeping with the word picture in John 15 of the vine and branches, the Trellis is the written word of God. Trellis isn't a traditional Sunday School class. It's the primary large group gathering of college-aged folks for our College Ministry. We hope you don't just come to a class, but participate in a community. Many of our college students gather in small groups on different week nights. They discuss life and the Bible, share life, and hang out. Please see our welcome area for more information on those small group we call TWIGS.

### **Course Description:**

This course aims to help someone have a basic yet firm grasp of the Bible. Each lesson will be organized around a key question.

### **Meeting Time and Place:**

We will meet in Josiah Quincy Upper School cafeteria from 11:15-12:30PM every Sunday except for the off days noted on the Course Schedule.

### **Learning Objectives:**

At the end of the semester, the student will be able to...

1. Feel more confident about the Bible.
2. Be more familiar with the Bible.
3. Learn to read and study the Bible for personal growth.
4. Learn to have a conversation through a Bible passage.

### **Textbooks:**

#### **Required Texts:**

The Bible, preferably the New International Version, New American Standard Version. Or English Standard Version

Making Sense of the New Testament by Craig L. Blomberg.

Making Sense of the Old Testament by Tremper Longman III.

Reading the Bible for All It's Worth by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stewart.

**Suggested Texts:** See Enoch for a list of other books on God's will from various theological perspectives.

### **Course Assignments & Requirements:**

There are will very likely be reading assignments in this class... at least once! Please read those materials that I give to you. Otherwise, it would be helpful to review the material during the week.

### **Grading Scale:**

50% attendance & participation

25% homework

25% reading

## Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics	Reading
1	Jan 10	Introduction to Course. What's in the Bible?	<i>(Assigned per lesson, if applicable)</i>
2	Jan 17	How did we get the Bible?	
3	Jan 24	How can we be sure the Bible is accurate?	
4	Jan 31	Should I read the Bible literally or metaphorically?	
5	Feb 7	Which English translation should I use?	
6	Feb 14	How do I get more out of Bible reading?	
7	Feb 21	How can I be more consistent in Bible reading?	
8	Feb 28	How should I go about studying the Bible?	
9	Mar 7	Are all interpretations of the Bible valid?	
10	Mar 14	<b>COLLEGE RETREAT – No Trellis</b>	
11	Mar 21	How do I apply the Bible to my life?	
12	Mar 28	What's in the Bible?	
13	Apr 4	What's one of the best ways to learn more about the bible?	
14	Apr 11	How can I prepare for a lifetime of Bible learning?	

### Opening Questions:

1. How many books are in the bible?
2. How many sections to Bible scholars usually divide the Bible into?
3. What type of literary genre is most plentiful in the Bible?
4. How many human authors were involved in the writing of the Bible?
5. Do you have the books of the OT memorized? NT memorized?