

Introduction to the Bible Overview Resource

Welcome to the Bible Overview Resource. This is an educational and formational tool available to Christians around the world. It is meant to complement training specific to your ministry context. This resource pairs nicely with the Interpreting Scripture Resource, also available through Calvin Theological Seminary.

Completing the Bible Overview Resource will help you:

1. grow in your love for God through the study of the Bible.
2. be formed by scripture reading, meditation, and study through the power of the Holy Spirit.
3. explain the one true story of the entire world as told in the Bible.
4. describe how all of Scripture finds its fulfillment in Christ.
5. identify key people, places, and dates from the Bible.

What you need to complete this resource:

1. one book: *The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story*, by Craig G. Bartholomew and Michael W. Goheen; please use the second edition from 2014. This book presents an overview of the Bible from a Reformed Christian perspective.
2. a learning partner: someone who will hold you accountable for keeping up with the work and will help you connect what you are learning with your ministry context; this could be a local pastor, a layperson who is an expert teacher, a mentor, a fellow student, or another mature Christian who is willing to support you.
3. internet access strong enough to stream video.

How to get started:

Work your way through the modules from top to bottom, completing the activities in each part of the module before moving to the next. You can find the link to Modules along the left-hand side of the screen.

The expectation is that you will complete this work independently and with your learning partner. You will not submit any responses online except for the two learning checkpoints which are graded automatically and immediately in Canvas. There may be an opportunity for synchronous online interaction with an instructor, so watch for announcements in Canvas.

If you need help with Canvas, email canvas@calvinseminary.edu. If questions arise about course content that you and your learning partner cannot resolve, please email semacademics@calvinseminary.edu to be directed to someone who can help you.