



# Curriculum



## ***S. H. I. E. L. D.***

***An adaptation from Doing Business by the Good Book***

Faithful Foundation  
**Serve** Others  
**Humility** First  
**Integrity**-Filled  
**Excellent** Standards  
**Love** One Another  
**Diversity** is Key  
Challenges Abound

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A sample study from the S. H. I. E. L. D. volume begins on the following page.

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### LEARN: Overview

Biblical Business Training (“BBT”) equips people to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and empowers leaders in a small-group Bible study setting to apply Biblical principles at work. Our mission is [Faith for Work](#) – and our vision is [Leadership for Life!](#)

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### Curriculum: The *BBT 1-2-3™* Format

BBT curriculum is rooted in Scripture and applicable the day you study it. The *BBT 1-2-3™* format enables the group to have a consistent Biblical basis for discussion.



1 Agenda – Introduces applicable Biblical principles



2 Group Leader Guide – Facilitates discussion and allows for shared leadership



3 Recap – Encourages community and application

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### LIVE: Sample S. H. I. E.L. D. : Faithful Foundation

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### LEAD: Start a small-group Bible study

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**PRAYERS**



**LEARN**

**Drifting**

Did you ever wake up on a Saturday morning with no plans for the entire day? Without an agenda, you drift through the whole day, and nothing gets done. You read, catch up online, tinker around the house, etc. and before you know it, the day is over. You may feel down thinking you wasted a day of your life – one that can never be replaced. Just as you can drift through an entire day, some people drift through their whole lives without direction. Businesses also aimlessly drift. The owners go to work every day and make a living but accomplish very little, and if the company had never existed, it would not have mattered. This lack of a vision is like traveling across the country with no roadmap and no destination. As a result, you turn this way and that way, aimlessly lost.

**Rooted**

A Biblical kind of vision gives direction not about what you want to do for you, but about how to serve people well. Take David's Mom, Dorothy, for example. Living in the small town of Clinton, MO, in the 1960s was a turbulent time. As a woman of faith, she always cautioned David against becoming bitter and resentful. "David, those feelings are self-destructive and a waste of time." She had a bigger vision for her kids, to rise above the degradation. One day, she came home from the local hardware store. In her hand was a door knocker. As she excitedly revealed this door knocker to her family, she said, "This will be the door knocker on the home the Lord will provide for us one day!" More than 40 years later, that door knocker was placed on the front door of a home built by her children for her to continue faithfully serving others.

We are never alone if our foundation is faithfully with God. God did not give Abraham an actual roadmap, but He did give him a preview, "descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore." [Hebrews 11:12](#) Dorothy and Abraham realized their visions by faithfully acting upon God's foundation. [Matthew 7:7-8](#).



**LIVE**

**Discussion questions:** Read the text and scriptures below, and prepare to answer the questions.

1. Read [Matthew 6:33](#). What does this verse teach you about the need for a clear vision?
2. Read [James 2:14-18](#). How have you been affected by someone revealing their faith through their actions?
3. Read [Matthew 14:22-33](#). Thinking about a time when you lost focus, what can you learn from Peter's experience?
4. Read [Luke 16:10-12](#). How can you make this a foundational principle for all your interactions – work or otherwise?
5. Read [Jeremiah 17:7-8](#). What are some examples of God's sustenance in your life?

**Application Question:** What faithful foundations will you build that might lead to a joyful environment for you and others to work?



**PRAYERS**

**Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer**



**PRAYERS**

**Opening Prayer & Prayer Requests**



**LEARN**

Before you begin, read the AGENDA LEARN introduction together and review the APPLICATION QUESTION from the previous meeting's RECAP.



**LIVE**

**Discussion Questions:** Have someone read each Bible verse aloud and then ask the corresponding question. Be sure everyone has enough time to find the Scripture before the verse is read.

**1) Read [Matthew 6:33](#). What does this verse teach you about the need for a clear vision?**



A clear vision sets a course of action with direction, a roadmap to stay focused on the end goal.



We are to first seek salvation through Jesus Christ for ourselves and then seek to lead others to salvation, trusting God to provide what we need. "By faith, Moses...left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw Him who is invisible." ([Hebrews 11:24-29](#)) Had Moses not communicated his vision, it is unlikely the Israelites would have followed him. Likewise, in today's business world, a leader should communicate the vision and strategic progress to keep the motivation and momentum focused on the goal.



*Doing Business by the Good Book* was the foundational source for BBT study material. Each question represents the scriptural truths discussed in the noted chapters from the book. Each Recap will list the chapters referenced from the book if your group chooses to read the book as a supplement.

**Notes:**

**2) Read [James 2:14-18](#). How have you been affected by someone revealing their faith through their actions?**



James says faith and action go hand-in-hand.



It is important to reinforce our beliefs with changed behavior. In [verse 22](#), talking about Abraham's faith, James says, "You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did." [Romans 10:17](#) says as believers, part of our faith in action is telling others about the Gospel of Christ through our words and actions. The Message puts it this way, "Before you trust, you have to listen. But unless Christ's Word is preached, there's nothing to listen to." This is important talk of the Kingdom!



Check out BBT's volume of curriculum [James: Faith That Works](#).

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- 3) Read [Matthew 14:22-33](#). Thinking about a time when you lost focus, what can you learn from Peter's experience?



It is easy to lose focus, even for those who could see Jesus and hear His voice, but "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." [John 20:29](#)



Peter began to sink when he took his eyes off Jesus. When we are in a risky situation, it's best to keep focused on Jesus. By following His will for our lives, we can take the risk with confidence because it is in His plan for our lives – stepping out in faith, knowing that He's got it covered.

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- 4) Read [Luke 16:10-12](#). How can you make this a foundational principle for all your interactions – work or otherwise?



Your reputation is earned one interaction at a time, so each one is essential.



Regardless of who we are working with, our integrity is being tested. Others will base their trust in you by the uncompromising quality and service you deliver. People of integrity say and do the same things – first, foremost, and always! When we can be trusted in the small things, we earn a reputation of being trustworthy in the larger things.

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- 5) Read [Jeremiah 17:7-8](#). What are some examples of God's sustenance in your life?



The Lord is to be the One who sustains you, but He also gives you gifts like music to feed your soul or the love of your family, etc.



As we develop a relationship of trusting Him, we are watered and grown by His presence. The story of Job illustrates the sustenance He provides when we keep the faith, no matter how dire the circumstances. Enduring and not submitting to our doubts even when there is no guarantee of our long-term plans, keeps us from being tempted to settle for short-term gains that are far from His plan.

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Application Question: What faithful foundations will you build that might lead to a joyful environment for you and others to work?



## **PRAYERS**

**Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer**

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## **LEAD**

**Ask Yourself:** What is something foundational in my interactions with others that needs to change to better reflect my faith?



## PRAYERS

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## ROADMAP

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## LEARN

Matthew notes that Christians must seek God before anything else. Though Peter falters, his faith in Jesus lets him step out into a perilous sea. Jeremiah likens faith in God to the water that nourishes the roots of a mighty tree.

Scripture References for this study: [Hebrews 11:12](#), [Matthew 6:33](#), [Matthew 7:7-8](#), [James 2:14-16](#), [Matthew 14:22-33](#), [Romans 10:17](#), [Hebrews 11:24-29](#), [Luke 16:10](#), [Jeremiah 17:7-8](#) and [John 20:29](#)

*Doing Business by the Good Book* chapter references: 5, 12, 15, 16, 24, & 40



## LIVE

- Active attention
- Risky roadmaps
- Sustaining sources

Application Question: What faithful foundations will you build that might lead to a joyful environment for you and others to work?



## LEAD

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