



# Curriculum



## ***First Meeting*** ***Welcome***

Biblical Business Training (BBT)

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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!](#)

To find out more, visit [www.B-B-T.org](http://www.B-B-T.org).



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

BBT's curriculum is Biblically-based and applicable the day you study it. The *BBT 1-2-3™* format enables the group to consistently fit a meeting into a busy work week (e.g. before work or over a lunch hour, etc.). The Agenda and Recap are sent through Go!Connect to help group members prepare and continue discussion for accountability.



**Agenda** – Introduces applicable Biblical principles



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



**Recap** – Encourages community and application



### LIVE: Apply Biblical principles at work

Small group discussion begins typically with prayer, reading the Agenda together for context, then reading scripture and discussing the included questions. Questions are chosen to help the members in the study apply the scripture to their workplace and lives through group discussion. The Application Question is for group application and accountability between meetings.

**Sample discussion question:** Read Nehemiah 7:1-3. What do these verses teach you about delegation?

**Sample application question:** In what areas of your life have you been encouraged to do some humble self-evaluation and practice repentance?



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

The Lead question is for holistic life application at work, home, church, and in the community.

**Sample lead question:** Ask Yourself: How can I have the courage to face opposition, engage in necessary confrontation, and encourage others where God has placed me?

#### Learn more at:

Curriculum Samples: <https://b-b-t.org/curriculum/>

Contact a Coach: <https://b-b-t.org/coaching/>

Start Leading: <https://b-b-t.org/startleading/>



## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER



## LEARN

Welcome to Biblical Business Training®! This is a small-group Bible study community to help you apply Biblical principles to what you do every day – work!

### What is Biblical Business Training (BBT)?

BBT is a nonprofit ministry that provides curriculum and coaching to small-group Bible study leaders in the workplace. Since our group will be using BBT curriculum, it is important to understand the mission and vision of the organization.

**The mission** is “*Helping you apply Biblical principles at work,*” or simply, “*Faith for Work.*”

**The vision** is “*To see people grow in their relationship with Christ, and expand God’s kingdom through their leadership,*” or simply, “*Leadership for Life.*”

BBT is more than a Bible study – it is a mission centered around equipping and empowering God’s people in the workplace. You can learn more at [www.B-B-T.org](http://www.B-B-T.org).



## LIVE

### Discussion questions:

1. Read [Colossians 3:23](#). How does this view of work change your perspective and level of commitment to what you do every day?
2. Read [Hebrews 10:24-25](#). How does the Bible encourage fellowship with one another and why is this important?
3. Read [John 13:1-17](#). What does Jesus’ foot-washing convey about leadership?

Application Question: How will you invest your time, talent and treasure (see [Mark 4:20](#)) in this group?

### Future meeting practical details and logistics



## PRAYERS

### Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



**LEARN**

Your first meeting is an exciting event! If you have any questions about facilitating or need help navigating Go!Connect, consult a [BBT Coach](#).

The goal of the first meeting is to help everyone get to know each other, learn about the Biblical Business Training (BBT) organization (read the Learn section of the Agenda), and confirm details for moving forward.

**Welcome & Group member introductions**

Before you jump into today’s meeting, spend a few minutes with introductions and let everyone know you are glad they are with you. The amount of time you spend here will depend on who is in attendance. If participants know each other, you may choose to do an “icebreaker” (e.g. tell your favorite Bible verse). If the group is not familiar with each other, have them tell their name, a little bit about themselves, and why they are interested in the group.



**PRAYERS**

**Opening Prayer**

The prayer doesn’t have to be long or fancy. Since this is the first meeting, you should be the one to open in prayer. If you are uncomfortable praying aloud, remember you are talking to God the Father, and you are not being judged on what you say! If you have not prayed aloud often, make a few notes here to help guide you during the prayer.

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**LIVE**

**Discussion questions:** Have someone read each Bible verse aloud and then ask the corresponding question.

- 1) **Read [Colossians 3:23](#). How does this view of work change your perspective and level of commitment to what you do every day?**



**POINT**

This is the anchor verse for BBT. God created you to work and your true boss is none other than Jesus Christ. Therefore, how you work reflects your commitment to Christ. Do you work as though you are working for Him?



**DEEPER**

BBT curriculum will focus on the Bible (the primary resource for every discussion) and on application (practical work topics, helping you directly apply Biblical principles to your work). BBT’s vision is “To see people grow in their relationship with Christ, and expand God’s Kingdom through their leadership”, or simply, “Leadership for Life.” BBT is more than a Bible study – it is a mission centered around equipping and empowering God’s people in the workplace.



**TIP**

Facilitate a brief discussion being mindful of the time. You may want to ask: Does your commitment stop at your job description, or do you invest in relationships with co-workers, clients, etc.? Are you only accountable to your boss, or are you ultimately working for the Lord? (Questions like these are why “Faith for Work” matters!)

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**2) Read [Hebrews 10:24-25](#). How does the Bible encourage fellowship with one another and why is this important?**



The Bible teaches us to encourage one another and help hold each other accountable to doing good works that reflect our fellowship with Christ.



[Hebrews 10:23](#) tells us to hold fast to what we confess about Christ, by not forsaking the assembly of the brothers and sisters. Our mutual encouragement of each other must continue until Christ returns. This BBT group is not a church...yet, some principles still apply. Namely, mutual encouragement is necessary to live Godly lives, to abandon sinful habits, to apply the Bible to the workplace, etc. This growth can only happen in a learning community like this!



Discuss as a group the “community rules” and why they are important for a healthy community:

- Fellowship: Develop a sense of belonging.**
- Encouragement: Help each other grow in faith.**
- Accountability: Support one another.**
- Participation: Everyone has value and is encouraged to contribute.**
- Confidentiality: What is said in the group, stays in the group!**

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**3) Read [John 13:1-17](#). What does Jesus’ foot-washing convey about leadership?**



Leadership occurs naturally in small-group communities like this one. The BBT 1-2-3 format is designed to help make leading a Bible study easier so there can be shared leadership. At BBT, we believe leaders who are growing in their relationship with Christ together, will lead thriving, Christ-centered small groups.



Jesus, our Master and Lord, sets before us an example of a humble-servant leader who seeks to serve. We can think of Jesus’ rendering of this humiliating act of foot-washing as an example of self-denial. Leaders must be willing to deny themselves for the sake of others. BBT seeks to equip and empower leaders for the Lord and offers [coaches](#) who can be called on for support at any time.

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**Application Question:** How will you invest your time, talent and treasure (see [Mark 4:20](#)) in this group?



The Application Question is designed to help the group apply what they learned throughout the lesson. It can be discussed at the end of the lesson if time allows or it can be discussed at the beginning of the next meeting.

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**Future meeting practical details and logistics - What should you bring to each meeting?**

- Agenda – Distributed via Go!Connect in advance of your meeting. Log-in from a mobile device and pull up the electronic version during your meeting.
- Bible – Use any translation version you prefer in hard copy or digital format.
- Which volume of curriculum will you study next? Consult a BBT Coach for suggestions.

**Confirm meeting logistics**

Location, Time, and Frequency – make sure everyone knows when you are meeting next!

**Confirm Go!Connect access for everyone.**

If anyone is having trouble with Go!Connect, be sure to direct them to tutorials on the website: [B-B-T.org/Connectivity](http://B-B-T.org/Connectivity) or consult a BBT Coach.



**PRAYERS**

**Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer**



This is a good time to start a prayer list. Ask if anyone has any prayer requests and be ready to write them down or input them into Go!Connect. (If you put them into Go!Connect where you take attendance during your meeting, it will include them in your Recap automatically.) Finish with a closing prayer. You can open it up to the group and ask if someone would be interested in closing in prayer, or you may want to close the meeting yourself.



**LEAD**

**Ask Yourself: How will I change the way I lead at work? At home? In my community? At my church?**

*This section will be included in every Group Leader Guide (GLG) and Recap for individual reflection and journaling.*

PLEASE NOTE: This is the final study for this volume of curriculum. There is a link to a brief survey from BBT on the Recap. Please encourage everyone to complete it. Thank you.



## PRAYERS

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Scripture references for this study: [Colossians 3:23](#); [Hebrews 10:23-25](#); [John 13:1-17](#) and [Mark 4:20](#)



## LIVE

- Your true boss is Jesus, therefore, whatever work you do, work at it as though you are working for Him!
- Mutually encouraging community is important for living Godly lives, holding each other accountable and applying the Bible to your daily life.
- Like Jesus, humble-servant leaders must be willing to deny themselves for the sake of others.

Application Question: How will you invest your time, talent and treasure (see [Mark 4:20](#)) in this group?



## LEAD

**Ask Yourself: How will I change the way I lead at work? At home? In my community? At my church?**

**Please complete this brief survey so BBT can better understand if they are providing you with the best service and resources available for applying Biblical principles at work. Thank you!**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/102016>