



Colorado  
June 9 - July 21

Institute of Biblical Studies (IBS)  
My role: Coaching 8 - 10 of our new staff in Bible Study Methods

Cru's Biennial National Staff Conference

May 20, 2013

As you know, the Bible is vital in knowing God and experiencing & extending to others His love, grace and forgiveness. It is also essential for us to study so that God's transforming work in our lives can more readily take place. Additionally, as you can imagine, the Scriptures are vital to our ministry with students and faculty. I love helping people open its pages and discover that they can read it, understand it, and apply it to their lives.

At IBS this summer as a Bible Study Methods Coach, I will have the opportunity to do this in a more formal way. Our 150 or so new staff will be taking two classes, one of which is Bible Study Methods. Using an educationally sound, workshop-style approach, the Bible Study Methods class is designed to introduce our new staff to a specific process for studying the Bible as well as give them a chance to improve their skills. They will be exposed to the classic principles of interpretation, and then they will turn theory into practice by applying the principles they find as we study the book of Ephesians. The coaching workshops are essential to the learning that takes place in the class.

This course will cover the entire process of Bible study which include looking at motivation, interpretive principles, specific skills and tools, in addition to communicating the text to others. As a workshop coach I will teach them skills and guide them through the use of tools to help them see and savor the glory of Christ in the Scriptures.

My daily schedule will be something like:

8:30 Coaches' Meeting  
10:30 Attend the Class Lecture  
11:30 Meet with my New Staff Coaching Group (NSCG)  
1:30 Meet with Individuals from NSCG  
3:00 Grade Homework

Between now and June 9th I have several books to read and all the worksheets to complete in preparation.

Please pray that 1) I will be well prepared as a coach, that 2) I will have good relationships with the NSCG and them with each other, and that 3) God will use our group to help them love God and gain the necessary skills to study His Word.

Together we are equipping the new laborers for the harvest. Thank you for your faithful partnership!

