

# Degree Program Objectives

## CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

Description: The Certificate in Biblical Studies provides a basic foundation for Christian life and service and enables the student to grow in his/her relationship with Christ and others through a foundational knowledge of God and His Word.

Objectives: The CBS graduate will be:

1. Grounded in God's Word by
  - a. Obtaining a basic understanding of the content of Scripture.
  - b. Acquiring a basic understanding of biblical doctrines.
  - c. Developing an elementary capacity for personal Bible study.
  - d. Fostering a foundational ability to apply and communicate the Bible's message in practical ways.
2. Growing in Christ by
  - a. Acquiring the essentials necessary for building a biblical worldview.
  - b. Developing a desire for a lifelong pursuit of God and an understanding of His Word.
  - c. Living a Christ-like life of integrity.
3. Giving Back to the Church by
  - a. Possessing a growing ability to demonstrate loving, healthy relationships for evangelism and discipleship.
  - b. Promoting church unity.
  - c. Living for God at work, and at home.

## ASSOCIATES IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

Description: The Associate in Biblical Studies degree provides a core of Bible, ministry, and general education courses that equips the student with a biblical worldview to engage their home, workplace, church or school of higher education as a "servant leader." It is designed for the student who desires a strong biblical foundation in preparation for effective ministry within the local church or continued study at FBC.

Objectives: The ABS graduate will be:

1. Grounded in God's Word by

- a. Increasing in his/her understanding of the content of Scripture.
- b. Expanding his/her knowledge of the doctrines of Scripture.
- c. Forming a basic ability to lead others in a study of the Bible.
- d. Developing an expanded capacity to apply the Bible's message in practical ways to themselves and others.

2. Growing in Christ by

- a. Learning to think critically about the world.
- b. Seeing life from a biblical worldview.
- c. Becoming more like Christ.

3. Giving Back to the Church by

- a. Developing an understanding of the character necessary for servant leadership.
- b. Understanding the spirituality, and sense of gifting necessary for servant leadership.
- c. Becoming a servant leader in the family, the workplace, the church or area of higher education.

## **BACHELOR IN BIBLICAL STUDIES AND MINISTRY**

Description: The Bachelor in Biblical Studies and Ministry degree provides advanced biblical studies and ministry training in preparation for a life of faithful ministry within the Church and community. The BBS graduate will be equipped for servant leadership through a comprehensive knowledge of God and His Word and dedicated participation in ministry.

Objectives: The BBS graduate will be:

1. Grounded in the Word by

- a. Being able to effectively study the Word of God and comprehend the content and doctrines of Scripture.
- b. Developing the ability to apply the Word of God to themselves and others by means of discipleship.

c. Effectively teaching the Word of God in a variety of settings.

2. Growing in Christ by

a. Understanding life and ministry from a biblical worldview with Christ at its center.

b. Appreciating and critically engaging life and ministry from a biblical worldview.

3. Giving Back to the Church by

a. Developing techniques, skills, and strategies necessary for ministry practice.

b. Applying these techniques, skills, and strategies through practical ministry experience.

c. Having the ability to analyze their own and other cultures in order to minister in a culturally appropriate manner.