

READING SCRIPTURE, HEARING GOD

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

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This curriculum is designed for use in a variety of settings and formats, including Bible classes, Sunday school, Bible study groups, leadership training, mentoring relationships, and personal enrichment. As such, many decisions have been left for teachers and leaders to determine how best to prepare and to guide others through the material. The manual itself does not make all those decisions for you, and this is by design. For example, suggested guidelines are offered as to the number of sessions required for each unit; but precisely how or where these units are divided is left to the discretion of the user. Leaders and teachers will also decide whether this manual will be used solely by them or by participants in the study setting as well. In the latter case, additional copies may be purchased by contacting The MIQRA Institute at the address below. The study should require about thirteen sessions to complete.

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