



# How to Know Your Bible

## **OBJECTIVE**

Recognizing the literary style is the first step to understanding the passage. In this training, we explore the various literary genres found in the Bible and how understanding these styles can deepen our understanding of Scripture. From stories, laws, and prophecy to poetry, wisdom literature, and parables, each genre requires a unique approach for interpretation. Whether reading Old Testament stories or New Testament letters, this session provides practical steps to understanding the various books of the Bible and gaining insights for ministry and leadership.

## **OVERVIEW**

- The importance of the Bible's various literary styles
- A breakdown of various literary styles:
  - Stories
  - Law
  - Poetry
  - Wisdom
  - Prophets
  - Gospels
  - Parables
  - Revelation
- The role of the Holy Spirit in understanding Scripture

## **VERSES REFERENCED**

Overview of the Bible

### **QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY**

1. How can you use various literary styles of the Bible to teach Biblical truths to your team or congregation?
2. Which biblical genre do you find easiest to understand or teach?
3. Which biblical genre do you find most challenging to understand or teach?

### **SCRIPTURE FOR FURTHER STUDY**

Stories: Genesis 1-3, Ruth, Jonah

Law: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Leviticus 19:18

Poetry: Isaiah 40:28-31, Psalm 23

Wisdom: Proverbs 3:5-6, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Prophets: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Micah 6:8

Gospels: Matthew 5-7, John 1:1-18

Parables: Matthew 13, Luke 15

Letters: Romans 8, Ephesians 2:8-10

Revelation: Revelation 21-22