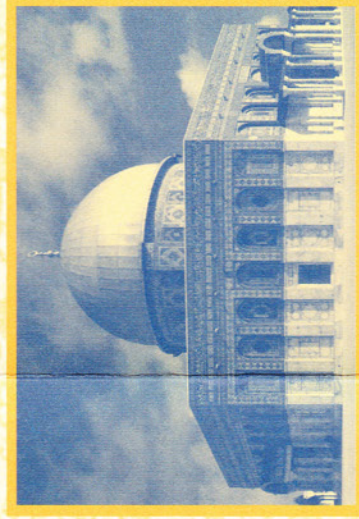




Learn and Serve in the Lands of the Bible

The Society for Biblical Studies is a non-profit, ecumenical organization dedicated to biblical education, mission experience, and spiritual renewal. It enables clergy and laity to engage in the "contextual study of the Bible." The Bible is best studied in its historical, geographical, cultural and moral contexts. The Bible is best understood when it is applied in and for our world. The purpose of The Society for Biblical Studies is to make scholarship accessible, relevant and useful to the broader Church.

The application of the biblical faith in and for the world is Mission. The study of the Bible and its application go hand in hand. The Society for Biblical Studies enables direct involvement in Mission. It invites its participants to engage in a ministry of reconciliation and promotes the restoration of harmony among peoples. Programs of study, pilgrimage, spiritual renewal and service make the Bible come alive in new ways.



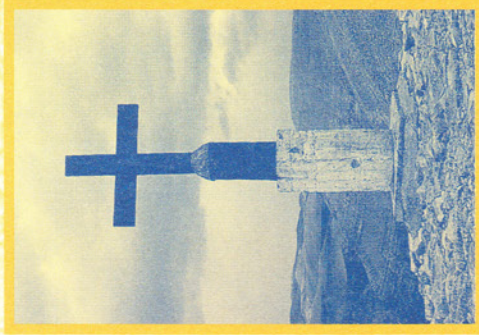
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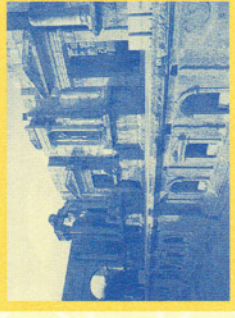
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The Society for Biblical Studies Program Areas:

BIBLICAL STUDIES AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Each program is an overview of the Bible, surveying the geographical, historical and archaeological contexts that shaped the biblical faith and texts. The words of the Bible are illuminated by the world of the Bible. Participants can also acquire hands-on experience at one of several Society-associated archaeological excavations. Study topics include "The Search for the Historical Jesus" and "The Impact of Geography on the Bible."



INTER-RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Mission involves reaching out across ideological and religious boundaries to establish relationships of mutual respect, appreciation and partnership. These programs enable participants to explore points of contact between Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Field trips focus on the spiritual heritage and historical development of the three Abrahamic faiths. Topics include "Preparing Ourselves for Interfaith Dialogue," and "The Question of Christian Absolutism in a Pluralistic World."

PASTORAL STUDIES

Church life involves skills which are often neglected. Personal spirituality, community life, and preaching are enhanced when we explore and develop these skills. The Bible is a blueprint for personal spirituality. It is a guide for community enrichment. These programs focus on the ingredients of spiritual life, preaching, and community. Topics include "The Rudiments of Preaching," "Biblical Preaching and Lessons from the Land," and "Desert Spirituality."

Why Should You Be Part of The Society for Biblical Studies?

- Pastoral preaching can be enriched by becoming acquainted with images and illustrations from the lands of the Bible.
- Clergy and laity alike can experience spiritual renewal through travel and study.
- Exploring the moral dimensions of the biblical faith can renew a sense of purpose in Mission and Ministry.
- Travel to distant shores awakens a sense of world-wide community.
- By engaging in a variety of meaningful and vital ministries, you can awaken a new understanding of the relevance and role of scripture in and for our world.

What Makes The Society for Biblical Studies Different?

- Specialists in youth, mission and academic programs.
- Better quality programs, better prices, better value.
- Authentic pilgrimage – not just commercial sightseeing.
- Our faculty instructors are trained in biblical studies and experienced in mission in the Holy Land. Their credentials and their combined experience are unsurpassed.
- Ecumenical and interfaith programs.
- Each program includes preparatory materials.
- Each program is tailored to meet individual and specific needs.

CONTEMPORARY AND MISSION STUDIES

The words of the Bible come alive as faith is put into action. The Bible yields important insights into the meaning and essential ingredients of mission. Study topics include "Mission in the Early Church and Today," "Biblical Perspectives on Peacemaking," "Missionary Approaches to the Modern Near East" and "Mission as Reconciliation." Opportunities for hands-on service and other immersion experiences are offered.

