

## Discipleship Digital Solutions

Are you struggling with face-to-face discipleship or do you need to disciple new believers at a distance? Have you considered *Basic Bible Studies Online Discipleship*? Basic Bible Studies Online is a digital edition of the bestselling program *Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians* by Chic Shaver.

Basic Bible Studies Online includes eight Bible studies for new Christians so that they can begin to study the Bible and develop a healthy personal devotional life. This new format makes it possible for discipleship leaders to deliver discipleship materials to participants as well as reviewing completed sessions and worksheets via computers or mobile devices.

In addition to the initial\* complementary access codes offered by SDMI, these basic Bible studies are for purchase at The Foundry Publishing.

### COVID Friendly

The discipleship leader can use the program's dashboard to check on a participant's progress, offer encouragement, track the status of multiple participants at a glance, and answer questions when reviewing the sessions. Participants can study at their own pace and reach out easily to their leader if any questions arise.

Face-to-face or video meetings to discuss the content and allow for questions and feedback are as important as ever, but the interface for delivering, completing, and exchanging content is now available in a digital interactive format.

### Ease of Access and Use

The discipleship leader must first establish a personal account at [basicbiblestudies.com](https://basicbiblestudies.com) by clicking "Create a Leader Account" and completing the steps on the pages that open. Note: The process includes an acceptance code being emailed to you. That code must be entered before the process can be completed.

Prior to beginning the discipling, you need to obtain\* or purchase digital access codes from [The Foundry Publishing](https://www.thefoundrypublishing.com) for each new believer being mentored.

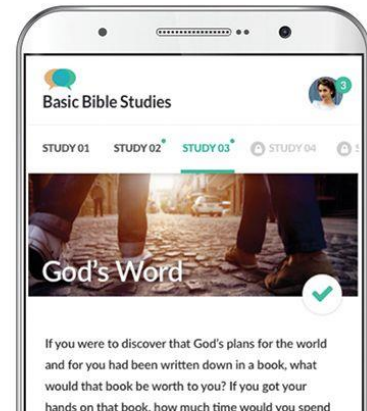
After purchase, you can find the access code(s) on your personal/church Foundry Publishing account. Navigate to your Account Dashboard and click on Access Codes at the bottom of the menu. Your access codes will be displayed.

Shortly after a person's decision to follow Christ, the first study should be given to the new disciple with his or her agreement to have it completed within 48 hours. If possible, it is always helpful to have face-



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to-face meetings to acquaint the new disciple with the study. If face-to-face is not possible, arrange a video session via Zoom or other similar online meeting portal.

Choose an available code and enter it on your [basicbiblestudies.com](https://basicbiblestudies.com) dashboard, and you will be prompted to “Add a Participant.” When you have more than one new participant, you will be prompted to add another participant. Carefully enter the required information about each of your participants. Thereafter, the program will send an email to invite each new participant to the study.

When your new participants receive the email notification, they will enter the required information to gain access to the study.

Show the disciple the first lesson. Go over the first few questions together showing the disciple how to find the key verse (e.g. John 1:12). The lessons are designed to easily access a digital Bible on most devices. However, you may need to guide the disciple to find a computer/smartphone-based Bible. Using a Bible version that has chapter and verse divisions is helpful.

Explain the importance of your face-to-face/video meeting as encouragement to the disciple’s new Christian life.

Your meetings should always include time for your disciple to ask questions and for you to pray together.

Upon completion of each lesson, congratulate them and then release lesson two. Make another appointment to meet personally in a week (face-to-face or virtually).

If your disciple has a wrong answer, show the disciple how to look up the correct answer and record the correct result. It is helpful to complete the finished worksheet and return it with encouraging comments.

Upon completion of all studies, honor your disciples with a public presentation of the “Certificate of Recognition”.

Congratulations! Your disciple has completed all eight lessons. Now, encourage your disciple’s continuing growth with another study such as “Who is this Jesus,” “The Mission of Jesus,” or “Basic Bible Studies for the Spirit-filled and Sanctified life.”

### **Feedback Wanted and Rewarded**

We would like to hear from you about your success stories using the Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians. If you are among the first 200 to respond to this article and request free access codes\* for the digital Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians, we will help you get started by sending you 2 free codes. Please contact me at [dstanton@nazarene.org](mailto:dstanton@nazarene.org)