

WELCOME TO BSD

2014-2015



MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Foundation & Fulfillment

A Study of the
Ten Commandments
and the Life of Jesus as seen
in various passages in the Gospel of
Luke.

An introduction to BSD and
the 2014-2015 study



BSD MISSION STATEMENT (SNF)

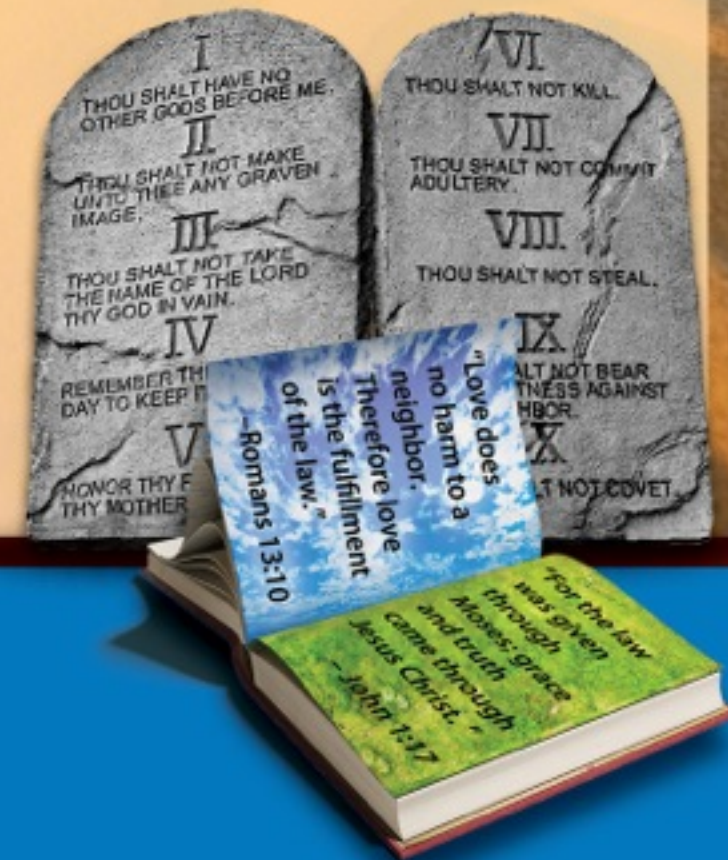


STUDY— personal Bible study, group discussion of the lesson, and weekly teaching lecture.

NURTURE— prayer and weekly phone and email contacts.

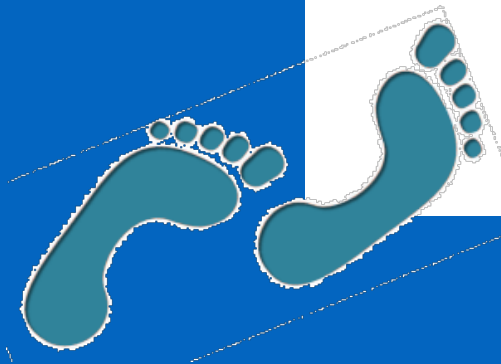
FELLOWSHIP—monthly group luncheons

STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL SMALL GROUP STUDY AND DISCUSSION



Successful Small Groups Depend on Lesson Preparation

small
groups
...big difference



Steps to Successful Lesson Preparation

Prayer

Attentive Reading

Interpreting Scripture with Scripture

Application

Reflection



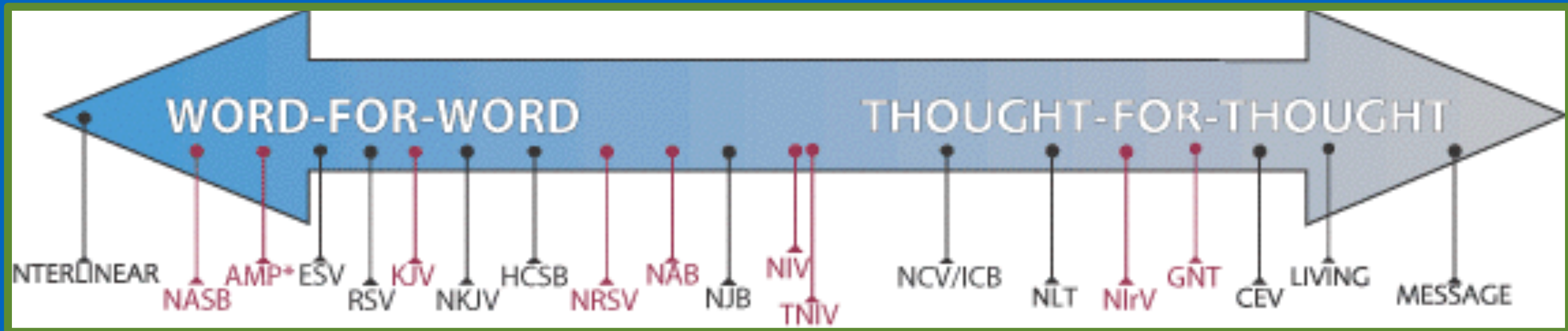
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Which translation should
I use in the BSD study?**



Literal

Paraphrase



We recommend:

A literal version as your primary resource
(NASB, ESV, NRSV, NKJV, NIV)

A paraphrase as a supplement
(The Message, Living Bible, NLT)



Lesson Preparation FAQ's

What about commentaries?

There is no need to use commentaries. BSD emphasizes your participation and engagement directly with the Biblical text.



Lesson Preparation FAQ's

How can I compare translations?

These two websites enable comparison of multiple translations of the same text:

www.biblegateway.com

www.biblestudytools.com



A Word About the Lectures

- Each Lecturer will have different method of presentation.
- The purpose of the lecture time is to enhance and expand on what the participants studied that week.
- If this week's lesson is confusing, we will try to clarify.
- We will stress application of the lesson.

A Word About the Lectures

- Opening music styles are chosen by the lecturer and will vary, but will be appropriate to the study for the week.
- Lecture times may vary in length depending on the lecturer and subject matter.
- We encourage people to sit back and listen/absorb. Because the slideshows are online, there is no need to take notes.

Small Group Visitations



Like last year, Jody and Mary Lee will visit the small groups beginning in October. Small group leaders will receive a schedule soon.

The purpose is for us to get to know your flock and for them to know us. We will be happy to answer questions.

The 10 BSD “Commandments”

#1

THOU SHALT WEAR THY NAME TAG EVERY WEEK.

SO THAT THOU WILT KNOWEST
THINE COMPANIONS IN STUDY.



THE 10 BSD “COMMANDMENTS”

#2

Thou Shalt Honor the Time.

So that thine group may study,
discuss and pray without stress.



The 10 “Commandments” of BSD

#3

Thou Shalt Take Turns and Take a Turn.

So that thou shalt not keep thine companions from speaking and shalt encourage participation of all.

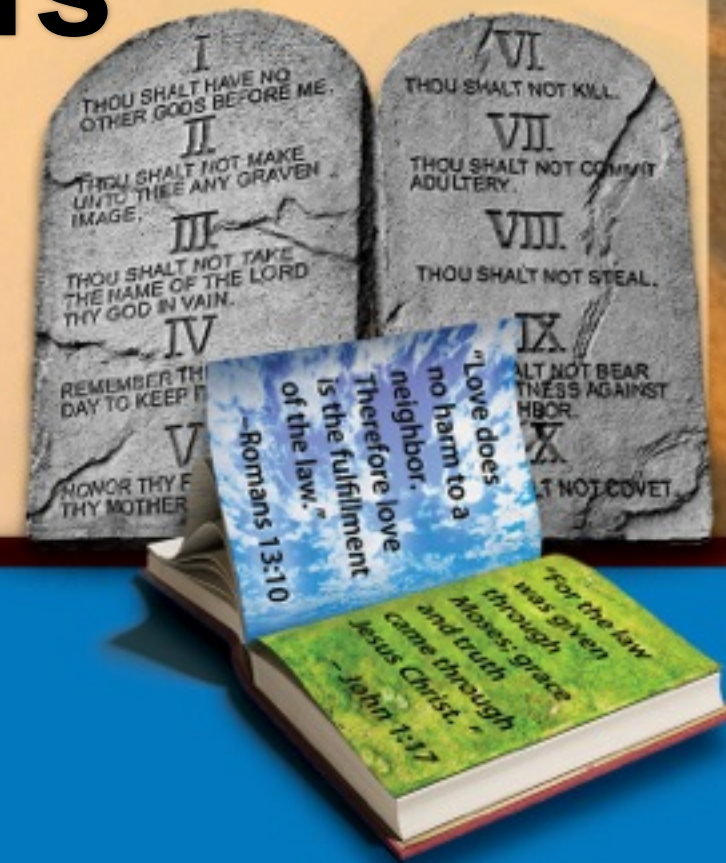


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#4

**Thou shalt keep silent
whilst
thine companion is
speaking.**

So that all may be attentive.



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#5

**Thou shalt only answer
the questions in the
lesson thou hast
completed in writing.**

**So that thine answers shall be
informed by the Biblical text.**



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#6

Thou shalt honor the confidentiality of prayer requests, limit them to one sentence, limit them to immediate family, and listen not try to “fix” prayer requests of thine companions.

So that trust, love and fellowship may abound and thou shalt be blessed.



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#7

Thou shalt log in to the BSD Facebook page for additional information about the week’s lesson from the Teaching Leaders.

“Like” us on Facebook (MDPC Bible Study Discussion) or Google “MDPC Bible Study Discussion/Facebook”



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#8

**Thou shalt download the
MDPC app onto thine
smartphone or tablet so that
thou mayest listen to lectures
that thou hast missed.**

**Or thou shalt go to the church
website (mdpc.org/media) to listen
online.**



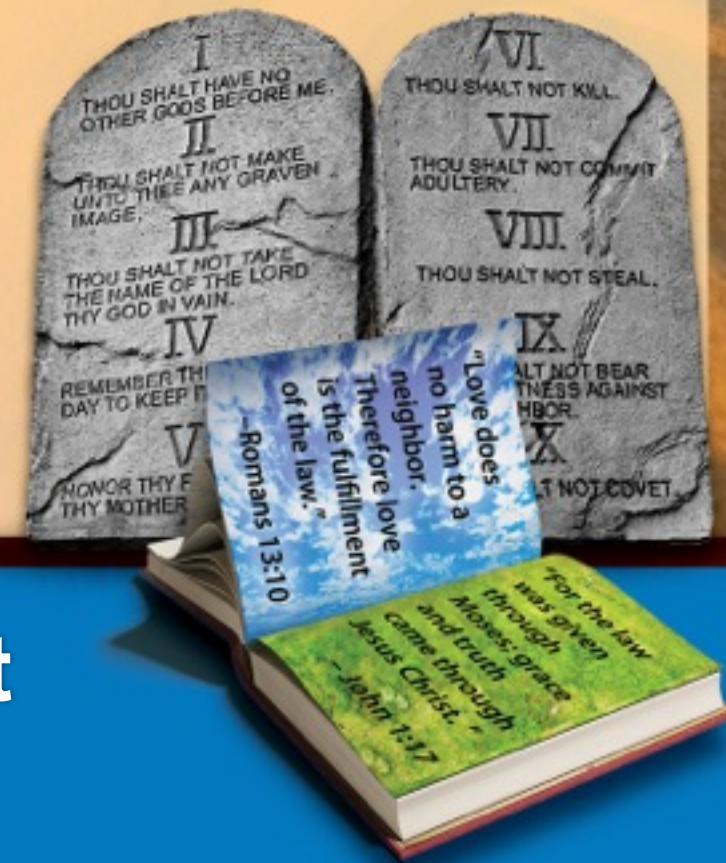
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Thou shalt obtain the lecture presentations from the MDPC website:

mdpc.org/media

So that thou mayest not worry about note-taking.

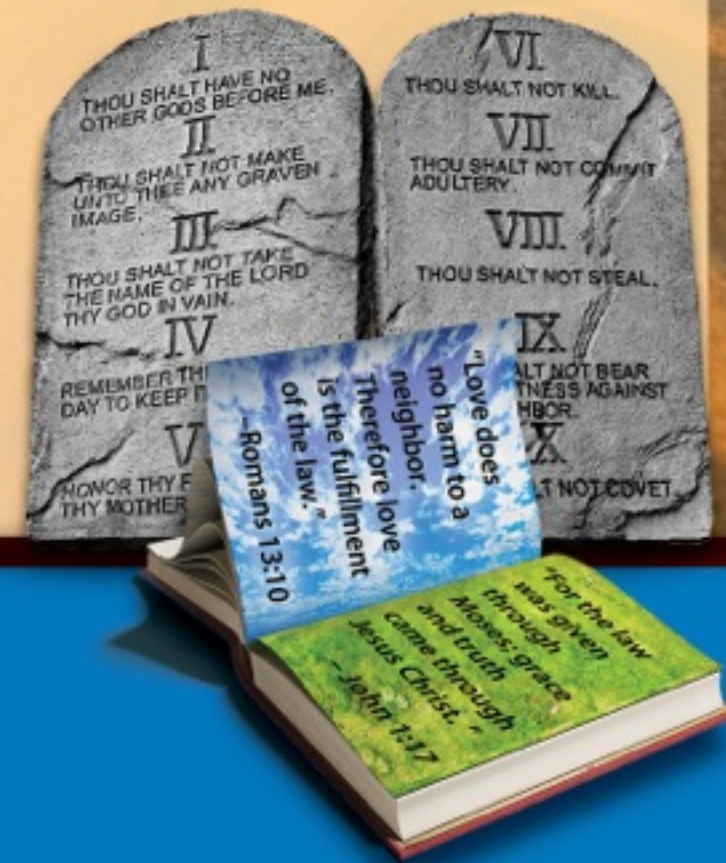


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#10

**Thou shalt invite thine
friends to join you in this
year’s study.**

**For greater love hath no one then
this.**



AN INTRODUCTION TO
THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
AND
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Curriculum Comparison: Sunset and BNext

Lesson Section	Sunset	BNext
Introduction	Introduction	Introduction
Observation	Encountering the Story	Discussion/Small Group Study
Interpretation	Digging Deeper	Digging Deeper
Application	Encountering Jesus Today	Discussion/Small Group Study
Reflection	Time Alone With God	Devotion/Personal Study

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Similarities to ancient treaties:

- Description of God's power
- People of Israel are God's priests
- God is benevolent to them
- Stipulates principles for living on the basis of the covenant with God.

The Ten Commandments

Differences with Ancient Treaties and Religion

Ancient codes of ethics are in a legal framework:
“if you do X, then Y will be the consequence.”

This is God's code. No justification or elaboration is needed.

Thomas Cahill, The Gifts of the Jews

The Ten Commandments

Jews, Catholics and Protestants Differ on the Text

- The Catholic Church uses the account in Deuteronomy and follows the numbering in the Greek translation of the Old Testament (Septuagint).
- Jews and Protestants use the account in Exodus and the Jewish numbering of the Hebrew text.

The Ten Commandments

Significance for Christian Believers Today

- As a compass to give direction to life.
- As a thermometer of our love of God.
- As a mirror to show us reality.
- As a guardian to lead us to Christ.

Stuart Briscoe, The Ten Commandments

Introduction to the Study of Luke

Doctor
Colossians
4:14

Evangelist

**Associate of the
Apostle Paul**

**Native of
Antioch**
But wrote in
Achaia

**Writer &
Storyteller**

LUKE

**Unmarried and
without children**

**Lived 84
years**

Gentile Believer
only Gentile believer writer in the New
Testament

Luke was an Associate of Paul

- Philemon 1:23-24 and 2 Timothy 4:11
- Luke was not an eyewitness, not one of Jesus' first followers.
- Luke probably joined Paul's group at Troas on Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey and stayed with them until Philippi. Then he rejoined the group for the latter part of the 3rd Missionary Journey. Then he went with Paul from Caesarea to Rome.

Luke was a Writer and Storyteller

- We do not know definitively that Luke is the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, but it is the most likely explanation.
- He was a great researcher! His writing is historical, reliable, and accurate.
- He writes history in a narrative. He uses an intro, conflict, climax, and resolution.

Luke was a Writer and Storyteller

Luke wrote to Theophilus.

- Theophilus could be of high social status.
- Theophilus could be a literary patron.
- Theophilus is likely to be a Gentile believer.

Luke was a Writer and Storyteller

Luke wrote 2 volumes: Gospel and Acts.

- Luke's Gospel is the longest book of the New Testament, and Acts is 2nd longest.
- Gospel covers the time Jesus was on earth and Acts covers the disciples' mission following Jesus' ascension.
- There are practical limits to what a gospel can cover.

Luke was a Writer and Storyteller

What was Luke's purpose in writing?

- Luke wanted to emphasize God's active love and mercy.
- Luke wanted to record the history of salvation which is accomplished through Jesus. Jesus is the center!
- He believed that the Old Testament through John the Baptist is the era of **Promise**. The era of **Fulfillment** goes from Jesus' ministry through his return. John the Baptist was the bridge between the 2 eras, and the Spirit is a sign of fulfillment . See Luke 3:15-18. *(according to Darrell L. Bock)*

Luke was a Writer and Storyteller

What were other themes Luke emphasized?

Salvation History

Salvation for all believers

Peace

Jesus will return

God's has a plan

Luke was a Writer and Storyteller

What were other themes Luke emphasized?

God's love for Everyone

Centrality of Jesus

Holy Spirit is active

Prayer

Praise

CLOSING PRAYER

