



The Pilgrim's Progress SEMINAR PLANS



How is a Seminar Program best arranged?

UNDOUBTEDLY John Bunyan expected that readers of *The Pilgrim's Progress* should grasp both the totality and continuity of his biblical allegory. He repeatedly connects one incident with another by way of progression, expansion of thought, and contrast. Hence, the greatest benefit is gained when the whole story is taught in a consecutive series of seminar sessions.

However, *The Pilgrim's Progress* does lend itself to teaching from a number of different perspectives with regard to topics and characters. For this reason, especially

where time is a factor, several short term and topical suggestions are included. Even with only three or four teaching sessions, it is still possible to capture the attention of a student in a memorable way.

Hence, a series of seminar sessions may be tailored to suit the particular needs of a church fellowship, whether more formal meetings or a church family camp. However, it cannot be too strongly emphasized that the consecutive panoramic study of *The Pilgrim's Progress* is by far the most beneficial learning method.

PANORAMA SERIES

PART ONE of *The Pilgrim's Progress* is studied consecutively as a whole. As many as three teaching sessions may be included in one day, such as on a Saturday with a suggested intervening pot-luck meal. A Sunday could include up to three teaching

sessions, with one prior to the morning worship service and two in the evening. Another alternative would be two sessions on each of four or five consecutive evenings. A church family camp provides an ideal setting for concentrated study.

- * **Minimum Configuration** 8 x 50 minute sessions. Covers the major events, characters, and truths with reasonable continuity.
- * **Regular Configuration** 12 x 50 minute sessions. Covers the whole of the text, including the discourses, with moderate detail.
- * **Extended Configuration** 16 x 50 minute sessions. Covers the whole of the text, including the discourses, with full detail.

SELECT TOPICS SERIES

UP to six teaching sessions focus upon one topic which is traced through *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Supplementary

references are drawn from John Bunyan's life and other writings. Some knowledge of the allegory is preferable.

The One and Only Gospel
Principles of Christian Progress
True and Counterfeit Faith
Profitable Pastoral Insights

Portraits of a Local Church
The World, the Flesh, the Devil
John Bunyan, the Christian Pilgrim
Hindrances in the Narrow Way

SELECT EVENTS SERIES

UP to six teaching sessions focus upon significant events and characters in *The Pilgrim's Progress*. There is some continuity

depending on the selection of topics as listed below. Some knowledge of the allegory is preferable.

Burdened Christian
The Slough of Despond
Mr. Worldly-Wiseman
At the Wicket-gate
The House of Interpreter
The Place of Deliverance

The Palace Beautiful
The Valley of Humiliation
The Valley of the Shadow of Death
Faithful and Hopeful
Talkative Exposed
On Trial at Vanity Fair

By-ends and Friends
Giant Despair and Doubting Castle
The Delectable Mountains
Turn-away and Little-faith
Ignorance in Three Acts
The Triumphal Entry

COLLEGE & GRADUATE SERIES

THIS is a college level course designed for term or semester credit on campuses where recognized. Includes greater emphasis upon Puritan life and times in England, John Bunyan,

his literary style, as well as the full original text of *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Requires the submission of a research paper, for which a list of 150 suggested questions and topics is provided.

