

FAQ

weekend series



What is the Transform™ Weekend Series?

The Transform™ Weekend Series goes directly into God's Word to examine different subjects and themes that are relevant to students today. They contain content to aid in teaching preparation as well as inductive Bible study lessons. Our aim is to put the Bible back into student Bible studies!

How do I use it?

Be flexible. The material can be done in a 24-hour period, or stretched out as a month-long series for youth groups and student Bible studies. Again, be flexible and feel free to adapt this material to best serve the needs of your students!

How long do the sessions last?

The study sessions were designed to last about an hour. If you choose to use the message outlines, they have been written to take approximately 30-45 minutes (plus time spent in worship/games/etc. if used in the context of a youth worship service). If you choose to use the video messages, they last around 18-20 minutes per lesson.

You can put the messages back-to-back with the Bible study lessons for use in a conference-style weekend or retreat, or use them for your weekly youth service and follow up at Sunday school or small groups with the four Bible study lessons.

Can a small group use Transform™ Weekend Series?

Sure! Just follow the content outline, substituting the video messages in the place of the main sessions. Discuss these sessions with the aid of the video discussion questions and follow up with the Bible study lessons. We recommend doing this over the course of 8 weeks in a small group setting.

Who wrote the study?

Ritchie Johnson, former Director of Transform™ Student Ministries, has written all courses in the Transform™ Weekend Series. He's also one of the featured speakers in the audio sessions found in the leader kit as well as the video messages.

Do I need a leader kit?

We recommend a leader kit for use with youth groups or other ministries. You only need one for leading a small group or Sunday school class if you want the video element to replace the main session content.

What if I need more study guides?

You can order additional study guides to accommodate the size of your group. Please keep in mind that the study guides are print-on-demand products, which require 2-days processing prior to shipment and there are NO RETURNS.

Can it be used with anyone other than teens?

Sure, but it was written with teens in mind. You know your audience the best. Check out the free downloadable lesson to see if this material will work for your purpose.



Do you have to be a Precept leader to teach the material?

Absolutely not. These studies were written as an introduction to the Inductive Bible Study Method. We encourage initial users to take and teach the material to others. With the use of the leader's notes and the instructional videos found on the website, anyone can present the content effectively to their students.

Do you recommend playing the audio messages for youth groups?

No. These were intended for leaders and won't be "digested" well in a youth setting. Students will find it hard to sit and listen to a 45-minute audio of almost anything! This is the reason we designed the shorter, 18-20 minute video lessons to cover similar content with a group of students and bridge the gap between the Bible study lessons!

Do I have to use the teaching videos?

These videos are not intended to replace you if you choose to deliver the content yourself with the aid of the audio sessions and main session outlines.

What video and audio file types are included?

Videos are saved in Quicktime (MOV) for large screen presentation and MPEG 4 (MP4) for smaller screens. Audio files are in MPEG 3 (MP3). The free Quicktime player is required to play the Quicktime movies in Microsoft Windows. Download the latest Quicktime player here:

<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>

How do I use the USB card to play videos?

For Microsoft Windows Users

1. Plug the USB card, using the flipable USB into one of the USB ports on your computer.
2. For some, a program will begin running called "Autoplay." If so, a window will pop-up asking how you wish to access or use the files on the USB card. You can select and action from the window or close the window and follow step three.
3. Click on the Start menu to find My Computer (or Computer).
4. My Computer will show all drives on your machine. Look for the name of the USB Card ("Doctrine").
5. Double click the icon for the USB Card to review its contents.
6. You can click the files within the folders found on the USB Card as they are, or you can:
 - a. Drag & drop files to another destination on your computer (this will copy the files).
 - b. Play videos and open files directly from the USB Card.



- c. For best results, copy the video components of the USB Card to your computer rather than playing them directly from the USB. Often playing video from a USB or other external source will slow down the playback of the video and may cause delay (lag) between the audio and the video making them appear out of sync.
7. Once you copy the video files from the USB Card to another location on your computer, you can double-click the videos in order to watch them.
8. If when you click on the video files, the videos do not automatically start playing in a media player installed on your computer, you will need to either select a media player program that exists on your computer or download a media player program that will play the file. Windows Media Player will play the files on your Doctrine USB.

For Mac Users

1. Insert the USB card into an open USB slot on your computer. ** Be sure and select a USB port on your computer and not a secondary USB slot located on the side of a monitor or keyboard. Often there is not enough power on these secondary slots to run a removable drive.
2. You should see an icon on your desktop that reads Doctrine. If the drive does not appear, unplug and reinsert the USB drive into the USB slot, or choose a different USB slot.
3. Double-click the icon on your desktop to review the contents of the USB drive.
4. You can click the files within the folders found on the USB Card as they are, or you can:
 - a. Drag & drop files to another destination on your computer (this will copy the files).
 - b. Play videos and open files directly from the USB Card.
 - c. For best results, copy the video components of the USB Card to your computer rather than playing them directly from the USB. Often playing video from a USB or other external source will slow down the playback of the video and may cause delay (lag) between the audio and the video making them appear out of sync.
5. When finished, simply drag the USB icon to the trash icon on your dock and it will eject the drive. Once ejected, you can safely remove the USB drive from your computer.

What's available now?

We currently have six releases in the Transform™ Weekend Series available.

Doctrine will guide you through the book of Titus so that you can see what it says about the importance of your doctrine—because what you believe matters!

Doctrine 2 Companies spend millions of dollars each year targeting you; telling you what to want, what to buy, what to do, how to think, what to believe. What you believe matters. In fact, it determines your every decision and action in life. Make sure what you believe is based solidly in God's Word!

In The Last Days Students, look into God's Word to learn how to live... In The Last Days.

Resolve: In the World...Not of it takes an in depth look at the life a young man named Daniel. Living in the world without becoming a part of it is a hard balance to strike but one God has prepared us to accomplish by providing examples in His Word. We pray that students walk away from this study encouraged and empowered to walk through their lives without compromise.

Dirty Jobs, the second release in the series, is intended to ground students in the study of God's Word as they examine the biblical themes of mercy and justice. It's hard-hitting and challenges students to apply what they learn in extremely practical ways.

The Problem With Evil was our first release in the series and walks the students through several chapters in the Book of Job, as well as other passages, to study God's design in evil and suffering. Our hope is that this study will be the starting point for our Christian students to endure through the hard things they will experience in life while retaining a firm faith. ■