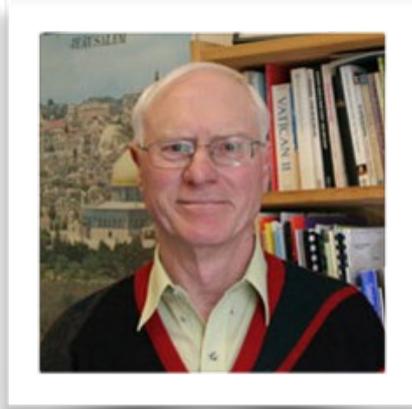


# Understanding and Teaching the Word of God

## Dr Laurie Woods



Dr Laurie Woods is a specialist in Biblical Studies having taught in that field for the last 29 years at Australian Catholic University, where for a term he was Head of the School of Theology. He is a past president of the Australian Catholic Biblical Association.

Laurie has conducted teacher professional development sessions and parish reflection days for many years in a number of dioceses across Australia.

### Session One:

- An adult approach to the Bible as a prelude to teaching or understanding the messages of Scripture.
- Gaining some insights into the historical and cultural background of key sections of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament).
- Understanding the Worlds of the Text as a method of interpreting passages of Scripture.
- Applying this method to selected texts (e.g., Genesis, Prophets) showing how it opens the door to sound and constructive interpretations that accord with the principles enunciated in the Vatican II document Dei Verbum.

### Session Two:

- Appreciating the poetry and symbolism of biblical texts.
- Insights into the world of Jesus – the society he lived in; the issues he faced.
- Understanding the background and intention of the four Gospels.
- Applying the Worlds of the Text to the Gospels for clarity, understanding and spiritual nourishment.

### Session Three:

- Taking in the message of selected Gospel episodes.
- Continuing the Christian story. The Acts of the Apostles.
- The letters of Paul in context.
- Why did the Christian message catch on so quickly?

#### Please contact:

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**13th March - St Pius X School, Dubbo**  
East Street, Dubbo

**14th March - Kenna Hall, Orange**  
Hill Street, Orange

**15th March - St Philomena School, Bathurst**  
Lloyd's Road, Bathurst

**Morning Tea & Lunch provided**  
**There is NO cost to attend**

**9.30am - 3.00pm**