

Course Syllabus

Course Number | Name: BIB105NT – Bible Study Methods

Course Credits: 3

Course Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

This is a course in biblical hermeneutics, the science and art of rightly interpreting and understanding the Scriptures. It will teach principles for understanding genres, texts, and phenomena in light of grammatical, historical, literary, and theological considerations. The course will emphasize sound principles of biblical interpretation for the application of the text to one's life personally, and for the corporate life of the local church as well as its theological significance for the universal church.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

#	CLOs	Bloom's*
1	Describe the exegetical steps of effective Bible study as it relates to Observation, Interpretation, and Application.	2
2	Access primary and secondary biblical and theological sources that support exegesis (e.g., the Bible, various Bible translations, commentaries, Bible dictionaries, Bible atlas, word studies, and other relevant sources).	3
3	Expound on various texts from Scripture that utilize the steps and tools for Bible Study Methods	5
4	Compose papers and/or create projects that compile the steps and tools, making inferences from credible resources to support the passage of Scripture (use of recourses contingent upon assignment)	6

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

Studying and Understanding the Bible is a course that empowers students to cultivate a Biblical worldview by equipping them to take initial steps into exegeting Scripture so that they might nurture a deeper hunger to experience the glory of Jesus Christ and model that truth to others.

Required to Purchase Media:

Duvall, J.S. and Hays, D. (2020). *Grasping God's Word* 4th ed., Zondervan. ISBN-13: 978-0-310-10917-4

Grading Grid:

Assessments	Total Points
Hermeneutic Exercises: Discussions (7) - 25 pts. each	175
Hermeneutic Exercises (11) – 40 pts. Each	440
Exegetical Worksheets (4) – 10 pts. Each	40
Exegetical Paper (1) – 345 pts.	345
Total Points:	1,000

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 1: "Bible Translations"
2. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 2: "The Interpretive Process"
3. Hilker, Week 1, Session 1 Video
4. Hilker, Week 1, Session 2 Video
5. Optional: Bible Expository Worksheet: Bible Translations PDF
6. Optional: Bible Gateway Tutorial

Assignments:

1. Assignment 1-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #1: "Bible Translation" - See instructions in the course
2. Assignment 1-2 Hermeneutic Exercise #2: "The Interpretive Journey" - See instructions in the course
3. Week 1 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 2

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 3: “Sentences”
2. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 4: “Paragraphs”
3. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 5: “Discourse”
4. Hilker, Week 2 Video
5. Optional: Observation Checklist PDF
6. Marking Up Your Bible PDF
7. Optional: How to Study the Bible – Inductively Marking and Observing Video
8. Optional: John 16 Observation – Inductive Bible Study Method Video
9. Optional: Bible Study with Me: How to Color Code Your Bible Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 2-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #3: “Sentences” – See instructions in the course
2. Assignment 2-2 Hermeneutic Exercise #4: “Paragraphs” – See instructions in the course
3. Assignment 2-3 Hermeneutic Exercise #5: “Discourse” - See instructions in the course
4. Assignment 2-4 Exegetical Worksheet #1 - See instructions in the course
5. Week 2 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 3

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 6: “The Historical Culture Context”
2. Hilker, Week 3 Video
3. Optional: Interpretation and Historical Markers PDF
4. Optional: Abbreviations: The Books of the Bible PDF
5. Optional: Bible Study Methods: Understanding Historical Context Video
6. Optional: The Bible Project – Setting in Biblical Narrative Video

Assignments

1. Assignment 3-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #6: “Historical Cultural Context” – See instructions in the course
2. Assignment 3-2 Exegetical Worksheet #2 - See instructions in the course
3. Wk3 Discussion - See instructions in the course

Week 4

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 7: “What we Bring to the Text”
2. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 8: “The Literary Context”
3. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 9: “Word Studies”
4. Hilker, Week 4 Video
5. Optional: Resource Tool

Assignments:

1. Assignment 4-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #7 “Historical Cultural Context” – See instructions in the course
2. Assignment 4-2 Exegetical Worksheet #3 - See instructions in the course
3. Wk4 Discussion - See instructions in the course

Week 5

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 10: “Who Controls the Meaning?”
2. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 11: “Levels of Meaning”
3. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 12: “The Role of the Holy Spirit”
4. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 13: “Application”
5. Hilker, Week 5 Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 5-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #8 “Who Controls the Meaning?” – See instructions in the course
2. Assignment 5-2 Hermeneutic Exercise #9 “Application” - See instructions in the course
3. Assignment 5-3 Exegetical Worksheet #4 - See instructions in the course
4. Week 5 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 6

Media:

1. Duvall & Hayes, Chapter 14: “New Testament – Letters”
2. Duvall & Hayes, Chapter 15: “New Testament – Gospels”
3. Duvall & Hayes, Chapter 16: “New Testament – Acts”
4. Duvall & Hayes, Chapter 17: “New Testament – Revelation”
5. Hilker, Week 6 Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 6-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #10 – See instructions in the course

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2. Week 6 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 7

Media:

1. Duvall & Hayes, Chapter 18: “Old Testament – Narrative”
2. Duvall & Hayes, Chapter 19: “Old Testament – Law”
3. Duvall & Hayes, Chapter 20: “Old Testament – Poetry”
4. Duvall & Hayes, Chapter 21: “Old Testament – Prophets”
5. Duvall & Hayes, Chapter 22: “Old Testament – Wisdom”
6. Hilker, Week 7 Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 7-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #11 – See instructions in the course
2. Week 7 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 8

Media:

1. See instructions in the course

Assignments:

1. Assignment 8-1 Exegetical Paper – See instructions in the course