

INTRO TO BIBLE EXEGESIS, INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

Instructors:

Dann Farrelly, M. Div.
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Course Overview:

The truth is that every reader of the Bible interprets it; the only question is whether or not you will be any good at it. This course is both an introduction and an equipping time so that students might accurately handle the Word of Truth. This class is designed to help students examine and, if need be, alter the “lens” through which one interprets & experiences Scripture. The course will help one:

- acquire a set of skills and ideas in both the spirit and mind that causes students to develop a consistent interpretive style (ethic) that is consistent with Scripture’s self-understanding
- but also allows one to appreciate the ongoing revelatory nature of God speaking through His Word
- and prepares one to dialogue with the interpretive ethic of fellow believers.

We will learn and be in dialogue with the classic evangelical interpretive skills of the church and how they function within our community - one that deeply values both the Bible and God’s ongoing communication with his church.

Course Purpose:

- To know and love God more because of and through His Word. In a sense, all Bible study ought to be devotional - it should move us to worship and devotion.
- To understand, enjoy & “accurately handle” both the simplicity and complexity of the “Word of Truth” as you study. “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).
- To be able to joyfully “feed” yourself and “feed” others the truth of the Bible.

Course Format:

The course involves large amounts of reading, lectures, Q & A, in class assignments and completion of homework assignments prior to the lectures. There are approximately 50 class hours throughout the year.

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance at sufficient number of lectures in keeping with BSSM attendance policies.
2. Completion of all required reading which includes the entire *Grasping God’s Word* text and assigned portions of *The Hayford Bible Handbook* and submission of proper documentation.
3. Completion of assigned Bible reading (approximately ¾ of the Bible) and submission of Bible Survey Questions on assigned reading.
4. Completion of ALL weekly Bible assignments in a satisfactory manner.

Required Reading:

Duvall, J. Scott, and J. Daniel Hays. *Grasping God’s Word: A Hands-on Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible*. Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.

God. *The Bible*.

Hayford, Jack. *The Hayford Bible Handbook: the Complete Companion for Spirit-Filled Bible Study: Updated & Revised*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995

Recommended Reading:

Fee, Gordon and Douglas Stuart. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*. Third Edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.

Course Presuppositions:

1. The Bible is primarily God's book about Himself, not man's book about God. In other words, the Bible is inspired (God breathed) authoritative and, as originally written, is without error.
2. Scripture is both timeless (eternal) and anchored in a particular time in human history. It is God's word *in human language* – ancient languages most of us don't speak which has been translated into the languages we do speak.
3. The Bible will never become irrelevant nor pass away, and we haven't come close to grasping its total depth. Yet the Bible is NOT an "end" in itself. Its purpose is to lead us to know and worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Course Relevance:

The Bible is the primary, authoritative guide to the faith & practice of Christianity. All supernatural and natural experience must be measured by the Truth as revealed in God's Word. God is still speaking but everything we now hear must be consistent with what He has spoken. You cannot lead properly, or in a healthy, holy manner in the Christian community if you don't know how to understand the Word.

We are neither the only nor the most important part of the church. We are part of a larger body of Christ. Other believers need us to be biblically sound as we express the supernatural, experiential gospel we are called to. It is a false goal to attempt a balance between truth and power as if they were opposite each other. We want to be very truthful with the Bible and very powerful in the things of God. "Long" on study and experience. All motivated by love.

Though not based on reason, our faith is reasonable. We are commanded to give a reason for the hope that is in us. As we send you to influence the Mind Molders, no secular professor, atheist judge or hedonist entertainer ought to be able to shake you because of some "new" idea. As faith filled, supernatural, thinking believers, we want to send you into the world as innocent as doves but as shrewd as serpents (Mt. 10:16).

Course Goals:

1. That students acquire the skills mentioned in the Course Overview.
2. That students would be informed thoughtful exegetes and interpreters of the simple truth of the Bible, able to research and find answers for more difficult questions.
3. That students would develop the ability to come to accurate, mature conclusions about Biblical theology based on the Holy Spirit empower skills that enable them to bridge historical/cultural/grammatical distance between the "then & there" of Scripture and the "here & now" of interpretation & application.
4. That students would become skilled at Inductive Bible Study (in the style presented by the instructor) so that when one finds themselves in the African bush and is asked to preach or even teach about Biblical interpretation and application one is able to do so with just the Bible and the Holy Spirit.
5. That students will **memorize** enough relevant material about geography, timelines, and OT/NT characters to have a basic working knowledge of the Bible on which to build.

Grading/Credits:

Students who have achieved a satisfactory level of academic work and are not missing any assignments for the year; have attendance records that meet with our standards concerning absence, have not entered into a Learning Agreement with their Revival Group Pastor and have been otherwise in good standing with the school in regards to tuition and character will be considered to have "Passed". A grade of P (Pass) will be given for each course. A "pass" is better than or roughly equivalent to "C-" work. (No grade points are given therefore no GPA's are calculated.) See Student Handbook for more details.

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FOUNDATIONAL THEOLOGY AND CHURCH HISTORY

Instructors:

Dann Farrelly, M. Div., Kevin Dedmon, M.A., Bernie Ooley

Course Overview:

This course is designed to primarily use the Bible to lead the student on a discovery and articulation of basic theological foundations of the Christian faith. As well as give the student an introductory overview of the development of these theological principles within the context of Church history.

Course Format:

There are approximately 21 hours of lecture and discussion. The uniqueness of this course is the preparation and self-study the students do prior to the lectures. Being prepared with one's own interaction with the great truth of Scripture is integral to the learning experience. Students will then have a foundation for interaction with the ideas presented by the lecturers and in the study of Church history.

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance at sufficient number of lectures in keeping with BSSM attendance policies.
2. Satisfactory completion of all Kingdom Foundation assignments prior to class and subsequent submission.
3. Completion of assigned portions of required reading in Hayford, the Bible and reading Christian History in its entirety.

Required Reading:

God. *The Bible*.

Hayford, Jack. *The Hayford Bible Handbook: the Complete Companion for Spirit-Filled Bible Study: Updated & Revised*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995.

Jones, Dr. Timothy Paul. *Christian History Made Easy*. Revised & Updated. Torrance: Rose Publishing, 2005.

Additional Biographies:

Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology: an Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.

Grenz, Stanley J. *Theology for the Community of God*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994.

Grading/Credits:

Students who have achieved a satisfactory level of academic work and are not missing any assignments for the year; have attendance records that meet with our standards concerning absence, have not entered into a Learning Agreement with their Revival Group Pastor and have been otherwise in good standing with the school in regards to tuition and character will be considered to have "Passed". A grade of P (Pass) will be given for each course. A "pass" is roughly better than or equivalent to "C-" work. (No grade points are given therefore no GPA's are calculated.) See Student Handbook for more details.

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KINGDOM THEOLOGY AND IDENTITY

Instructor:

Kris Vallotton

Course Overview:

This course is designed as an introduction to Christ's teaching of the Kingdom as it relates to the self-concept of individuals and the church at large. The core objective of the course is to convince students of the "royalty" they possess as children of the king and mobilize them into the holy, supernatural lifestyle that flows from such a self-awareness.

Course Format:

The course is primarily lecture and Q & A in nature. There are approximately 21 hours of lecture.

Course requirements:

1. Attendance at sufficient number of lectures in keeping with BSSM attendance policies.
2. Completion of all required reading and a satisfactory report demonstrating meaningful interaction with the texts.
3. Completion of the workbook *Basic Training for the Supernatural Ways of Royalty*.

Required Reading:

Frost, Jack. *Experiencing the Fathers Embrace*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2006.

Johnson, Bill and Kris Vallotton. *The Supernatural Ways of Royalty*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2006.

Vallotton, Kris. *Basic Training for the Supernatural Ways of Royalty*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2008.

Vallotton, Kris. *Developing a Supernatural Lifestyle: a Practical Guide to a Life of Signs, Wonders and Miracles*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2007.

Grading/Credits:

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THE SUPERNATURAL NATURE OF THE GOSPEL

Instructor:

Pastor Bill Johnson & guest lecturers

Course Overview:

This course is designed as a “do and teach and do” course. There will be demonstrations of God’s ability and willingness to move in power with and for his people. It will highlight the Biblical basis, emphasis and necessity of the supernatural in the furtherance of the Gospel. There is extensive examination of the life and teachings of Jesus as the prototype for the ministry of the believer. His intimacy, dependence and expectation are the blueprint for the Christian life. Keeping in step with the Holy Spirit as the apostle Paul commands will result in a naturally supernatural lifestyle. The instructor and guest speakers will provide testimony of the national and international implications and success concerning the supernatural nature of the Gospel and it’s power for explosive church growth and cultural transformation, as well as demonstrate it’s availability & rational.

As well, there will be discussion and emphasis on the leaders who moved in signs and wonders in the 19th and 20th century who rekindled and helped revive the power of the church. These men and women are especially highlighted in the required reading as students are taught to learn from their strengths and weaknesses.

Course Format:

The course is primarily lecture in nature with some Q & A and much participation. There are approximately 45 hours of class time. Approximately 23 hours with Pastor Bill Johnson and 22 hours with internationally prominent Christian leaders. Recently this has included international prayer leader and revivalist Lou Engle of the Call, Harvest International Ministry leader Che Ahn, Randy Clark of Global Awakening, John & Carol Arnott of Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship, missionary/church planters Roland & Heidi Baker of Iris Ministries, and many others.

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance at sufficient number of lectures in keeping with BSSM attendance policies.
2. Completion of all required reading and a satisfactory report demonstrating meaningful interaction with the texts.
3. Participation in scheduled ministry times.

Required Reading:

Johnson, Bill. *When Heaven Invades Earth*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2003.

Liardon, Roberts. *God’s Generals: Why They Succeeded and Why Some Failed*. New Kensington, PA: Whitaker House, 2003.

Additional Bibliographies:

Campbell, Wesley. *Welcoming a Visitation of the Holy Spirit*. Lake Mary: Creation House, 1996.

Grading/Credits:

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SPIRITUAL AND COMMUNITY FORMATION

Course Instructors:

Mark Brooks and Revival Pastoral Team

Course Overview:

Spiritual Formation and Community is designed as hands on learning experience for students to put into practice the disciplines they are learning in school. ie: prayer, worship, community, study, words of knowledge, prophecy, healing, etc.

Course Format:

To facilitate practical opportunities for students to practice and develop a supernatural lifestyle, students will participate in 1-hour of class time weekly and 2 hours weekly (for approximately 24 weeks) of in-school experiential learning (with feedback from the pastoral team). Experiential learning includes required weekly home group or ministry training, small group (5 students), revival group (60+ students), one-on-one meetings with pastor, worship, prayer, & public ministry.

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance at sufficient number of classes and learning experiences in keeping with BSSM attendance policies.
2. Completion of all required reading and a satisfactory report demonstrating meaningful interaction with the texts.
3. Active engagement with one's own connection to God and facilitating the success of the overall group.
4. Completion of a Prayer Servant application and faithful ministry in this area.
5. Completion of Weekly Accountability Sheet.

Required Reading:

Frost, Jack. *Experiencing the Fathers Embrace*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2006.

Valotton, Kris. *Purity: the New Moral Revolution*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2008.

Johnson, Beni. *The Happy Intercessor*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2009.

Hinn, Benny. *Good Morning, Holy Spirit*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, Inc., 1990, 1997.

Johnson, Bill. *Strengthen Yourself in the Lord*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2007.

Grading/Credits:

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PROPHETIC MINISTRY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Instructor:

Kris Vallotton

Course Overview:

This course is designed to give students an overview of the purpose of prophetic ministry, a historical understanding of prophetic ministry in the Bible, the characteristics and creation of a healthy prophetic culture, and practical training in operating in the spiritual gift of prophecy.

Course Format:

The course is primarily lecture, Q & A, and practicum in nature. There are approximately 21 hours of lecture and a minimum of 30 hours of practicum.

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance at sufficient number of lectures in keeping with BSSM attendance policies.
2. Completion of all required reading and a satisfactory report demonstrating meaningful interaction with the texts.
3. Participation in practicum opportunities.

Required Reading:

Thompson, Steve. *You May All Prophesy*. Fort Mill, SC: Morningstar, 2000.

Vallotton, Kris. *Basic Training for the Prophetic Ministry*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2005.

Additional Bibliographies:

Randolph, Larry. *User Friendly Prophecy*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 1998.

Grading/Credits:

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OUTREACH/EVANGELISM PRACTICUM

Instructors:

Chris Overstreet and various facilitators

Course Overview:

This course is designed to train students in areas of service, ministry and evangelism to and for our community. The goal is to develop competency and confidence in bringing the love and life changing power of God into respectful, loving encounters with individuals so as to bring them to a saving connection with Christ and contribute to city-wide transformation.

Course Format:

Students are required to participate in two terms of ministry practicum during their year as a BSSM student. Practicum class consists of ½ hour of classroom training (more early in the year) and 1 ½ hours a week of ministry service in the Redding community for approximately 22 weeks total. Examples of ministry opportunities are neighborhood ministry (called Revival regions, crisis/drop-in pastor on call, homeless ministry, food kitchen ministry, public school after-school programs, Senior outreach, "Treasure Hunting", drug rehab center ministry, etc.

In addition, all students are required to go on an extended ministry outreach or mission trip. The majority of students will travel internationally, but some will minister domestically. Students are required to raise their own funds for the trip and attend all planning and training meetings necessary for a successful outreach.

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance at a sufficient number of lectures in keeping with BSSM attendance policies.
2. Completion of all required reading and a satisfactory report demonstrating meaningful interaction with the texts.
3. Active, faithful engagement with the ministry opportunity which includes planning and implementation of outreaches, risk taking, and attendance of any extra-school meetings or trainings necessary to a successful outreach.
4. Raising funds and successfully going on a school-led extended ministry trip in the late winter or spring.

Required Reading:

Dedmon, Kevin. *The Ultimate Treasure Hunt*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2007.

Joyner, Rick. *The World Aflame: The Welsh Revival And Its Lessons For Our Time*. Charlotte, NC: MorningStar Publications, 1993.

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