

COURSE SYLLABUS

Bible Exegesis, Interpretation and Application

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2024-2025

Instructor: Dann Farrelly, M. Div., Dean of BSSM

COURSE OVERVIEW

Every reader of the Bible interprets it; the question is whether that interpretation is effective. This course serves both as an introduction and an equipping tool to help students accurately handle the Word of Truth. The goal is to examine and, if necessary, adjust the “lens” through which students interpret and experience Scripture. The course will help students:

- Develop skills and ideas in both spirit and mind, enabling them to form a coherent interpretive method consistent with Scripture's self-understanding.
- Appreciate the ongoing, revelatory nature of God speaking through His Word to His people.
- Understand the interpretive methods used by fellow believers.

We will study and evaluate the interpretive processes of the evangelical church, particularly how they function in a community that values the Bible, within the evangelical tradition, and recognizes God's ongoing communication with His church.

COURSE PURPOSE

- To know and love God more deeply through His Word. Ultimately, all Bible study should inspire worship and devotion.
- To understand, enjoy, and “accurately handle” both the simplicity and complexity of the “Word of Truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).
- To joyfully feed both yourself and others the truth of the Bible.
- To hear and obey God more clearly in the present as He speaks.

COURSE FORMAT

The course involves substantial reading, lectures, Q&A sessions, in-class assignments, and the completion of homework assignments before each lecture. The class will consist of approximately 50 hours spread throughout the year.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Regular attendance in line with BSSM attendance policies.
- Completion of all required reading, including the entire *Grasping God's Word* text and *30 Days to Understanding the Bible*.
- Completion of assigned Bible reading (approximately 50% of the Bible) and submission of Bible Survey Questions on the assigned reading.
- Completion of all weekly Bible assignments to a satisfactory standard.

REQUIRED READING

- Anders, Max. *30 Days to Understanding the Bible*. Updated & Revised. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2004.
- 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.
- *The Bible* (NIV Bible Notes. Zondervan, 2008. BibleStudyTools.com)

SUPPLEMENTAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

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

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

COURSE PRESUPPOSITIONS

- The Bible is primarily God's book about Himself, not man's book about God. It is divinely inspired, authoritative, and, as originally written, without error.
- Scripture is both eternal and anchored in a specific time in human history. It represents God's ideas in human language—ancient languages most of us don't speak, translated into languages we do.
- The Bible will never become irrelevant nor fade away, and its depth is far from fully understood. However, the Bible is not an end in itself; its purpose is to lead us to know and worship God in Spirit and Truth.

COURSE RELEVANCE

The Bible is the primary and authoritative guide to Christian faith and practice. All supernatural and natural experiences must be measured against the truth revealed in God's Word. Although God is still speaking today, everything we hear must align with what He has already spoken. Effective leadership in the Christian community requires a sound understanding of the Word.

As members of the body of Christ, we are part of a larger community that needs us to be biblically grounded as we express the supernatural gospel. It is a false dichotomy to balance truth and power, as if they are in opposition. We aim to be both truthful with the Bible and powerful in the things of God, motivated by love and committed to deep study and experience.

Although our faith is not based on reason, it is reasonable. We are commanded to give a reason for the hope within us. As we engage with the world, no secular professor, atheist judge, or hedonistic entertainer should shake our faith with a "new" idea. As supernatural, thinking believers, we are called to be both innocent as doves and as shrewd as serpents (Matthew 10:16).

COURSE GOALS

- Equip students with the skills outlined in the Course Overview.
- Develop informed, thoughtful interpreters of Scripture who can tackle both simple truths and complex theological questions.
- Teach students to draw accurate, mature conclusions about Biblical theology through the Holy Spirit's guidance, bridging the historical, cultural, and grammatical gap between the "then and there" of Scripture and the "here and now" of interpretation and application.
- Train students in Inductive Bible Study (as presented by the instructor), enabling them to teach and preach with just the Bible and the Holy Spirit, even in challenging situations.
- Help students build a foundational knowledge of Biblical geography, timelines, and key figures in both the Old and New Testaments.

GRADING/CREDITS

Students will receive a grade of P (Pass) if they meet the following criteria:

- Completion of all academic work to a satisfactory standard.
- Attendance records that meet the school's standards for absence.
- No outstanding Learning Agreements with their Revival Group Pastor.
- Full compliance with school policies regarding tuition and character.

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Foundational Theology in Church History

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2024-2025

Instructors: Dann Farrelly, M. Div., Rich Schmidt, M.Div.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is designed to lead students on a journey of discovery and articulation of the basic theological foundations of the Christian faith, using the Bible as the primary resource. Additionally, it offers an introductory overview of how these theological principles have developed within the context of Church history.

COURSE FORMAT

The course includes approximately 25 hours of lecture and discussion. A unique aspect of this course is the emphasis on preparation and self-study prior to the lectures. Personal engagement with Scripture is crucial for the learning experience, preparing students for meaningful interaction with the ideas presented by the lecturers and within the study of Church history.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Attendance in line with BSSM attendance policies.
- Satisfactory completion of all 16 Kingdom Foundation assignments before class discussions and lectures.
- Completion of assigned readings.

REQUIRED READING

- God. *The Bible*.
- Anders, Max. *30 Days to Understanding the Bible*. Updated & Revised. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2004.
- Liardon, Roberts. *God's Generals: Why They Succeeded and Why Some Failed*. New Kensington, PA: Whitaker House, 2003.

SUPPLEMENTAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.
- Hayford, Jack. *The Hayford Bible Handbook: The Complete Companion for Spirit-Filled Bible Study*. Updated & Revised. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995.
- Grenz, Stanley J. *Theology for the Community of God*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994.

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Kingdom Theology and Identity

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2024-2025

Instructor: Kris Vallotton, Director of BSSM

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course introduces Christ's teaching on the Kingdom as it relates to personal identity and the church. The core objective is to convince students of the "royalty" they possess as children of the King, and to mobilize them into the supernatural lifestyle that flows from this belief.

COURSE PURPOSE

- To know and love God more through His Word. All Bible study should be devotional, leading to worship and deeper devotion.
- To understand, enjoy, and accurately handle the "Word of Truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).
- To joyfully "feed" oneself and others with the truth of the Bible.
- To better hear and obey God's voice in the present.

COURSE FORMAT

The course primarily consists of lectures and Q&A sessions, with approximately 21 hours of lecture.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Attendance in line with BSSM attendance policies.
- Completion of the workbook *Basic Training for the Supernatural Ways of Royalty*, and completion of all required reading, accompanied by a satisfactory report demonstrating meaningful engagement with the texts.

REQUIRED READING

- Frost, Jack. *Experiencing the Father's 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. *Spirit Wars: Winning the Invisible Battle Against Sin and the Enemy*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2011.
- Farrelly, Dann. *Kingdom Culture*. Bethel Church, 2017.

SUPPLEMENTAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Vallotton, Kris. *Developing a Supernatural Lifestyle: A Practical Guide to a Life of Signs, Wonders, and Miracles*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2007.
- Silk, Danny. *Culture of Honor: Sustaining a Supernatural Environment*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2009.

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The Supernatural Nature of the Gospel

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Instructors: Bill Johnson and guest lecturers

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course follows a "do and teach and do" model, with an emphasis on demonstrating God's ability and willingness to move powerfully among His people. It highlights the biblical foundation, importance, and necessity of the supernatural in advancing the Gospel. The life and teachings of Jesus are extensively examined as the prototype for the believer's ministry. His intimacy with the Father, dependence on the Holy Spirit, and expectation of God's intervention provide the blueprint for the Christian life. Following the apostle Paul's instruction to "keep in step with the Spirit" leads to a naturally supernatural lifestyle.

Instructors and guest speakers will provide testimonies of how the supernatural nature of the Gospel has brought national and international success, resulting in church growth and cultural transformation. These demonstrations will also explore the availability and reasoning behind the power of the Gospel. Additionally, the course will discuss leaders from the 19th and 20th centuries who moved in signs and wonders, reviving the church's power. Students will study these leaders' strengths and weaknesses, as highlighted in the required reading.

COURSE FORMAT

The course is primarily lecture-based, with opportunities for Q&A and participation. There are approximately 45 hours of class time, including 23 hours with Pastor Bill Johnson and 22 hours with internationally prominent Christian leaders. Recent guest speakers have included Lou Engle (The Call), Che Ahn (Harvest International Ministry), Randy Clark (Global Awakening), Michael Koulianos (Jesus Image), and Roland & Heidi Baker (Iris Ministries), among others.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Attendance in accordance with BSSM attendance policies.
- Completion of all required reading and submission of a satisfactory report demonstrating meaningful interaction with the texts.
- 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.
- Johnson, Bill. *Defining Moments*. New Kensington, PA: Whitaker House, 2016.

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Spiritual and Community Formation

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Instructors: Revival Pastoral Team and Leslie Crandall, Overseer of BSSM 1st Year

COURSE OVERVIEW

Spiritual and Community Formation is a hands-on learning experience designed to help students apply the disciplines they are learning in school, such as prayer, worship, community, study, words of knowledge, prophecy, and healing.

COURSE FORMAT

To provide practical opportunities for students to develop a supernatural lifestyle, the course includes 1 hour of class time weekly and 2 hours weekly (for approximately 24 weeks) of in-school experiential learning. This experiential learning involves activities such as small group meetings (5 students), revival group gatherings (60+ students), one-on-one meetings with pastors, home groups, ministry training, worship, prayer, outreach, and public ministry. Feedback from the pastoral team is an integral part of the process.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Attendance in accordance with BSSM attendance policies.
- Completion of all required reading, along with a satisfactory report demonstrating meaningful engagement with the texts.
- Active participation in one's personal spiritual growth and contributing to the success of the group.
- Completion of a Ministry Team application and consistent service in ministry.

REQUIRED READING

- Frost, Jack. *Experiencing the Father's Embrace*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2006.
- Hogue, Rodney Dr., *Forgiveness*. Rodney Hogue, 2008.
- Vallotton, Kris. *Moral Revolution: The Naked Truth About Sexual Purity*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2012.
- Silk, Danny. *Keep Your Love On: Connection, Communication, and Boundaries*. Loving on Purpose, 2015.
- Johnson, Beni. *The Happy Intercessor*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2009.
- Johnson, Bill. *Strengthen Yourself in the Lord*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 2007.

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Prophetic Ministry in the Life of the Church

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Instructor: Kris Vallotton

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the purpose of prophetic ministry, its historical significance in the Bible, and the development of a healthy prophetic culture. Additionally, it offers practical training in operating in the spiritual gift of prophecy.

COURSE FORMAT

The course consists primarily of lectures, Q&A sessions, and practical exercises. Students will engage in approximately 21 hours of lecture and at least 30 hours of practicum.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Attendance in accordance with BSSM attendance policies.
- Completion of all required reading, with a satisfactory report demonstrating meaningful interaction with the texts.
- Active participation in practicum opportunities.

REQUIRED READING

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

SUPPLEMENTAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES

- Randolph, Larry. *User Friendly Prophecy*. Shippensburg: Destiny Image, 1998.
- Bolz, Shawn. *Translating God: Hearing God's Voice for Yourself and the World Around You*. ICreate Publications, 2015.
- McCollam, Dan. *Basic Training for Prophetic Activation*. Sounds of the Nations, 2012.

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Outreach and Evangelism Practicum

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Instructors: Angelo Jeanpierre and various facilitators

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is designed to train students in service, ministry, and evangelism within the 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, ultimately leading them to a saving connection with Christ and contributing to city-wide transformation.

COURSE FORMAT

Students are required to participate in two terms of ministry practicum during their year as BSSM students. Each practicum class consists of ½ to 1 hour of classroom time and 1½ hours per week of ministry service in the Redding community, over approximately 22 weeks. Ministry opportunities may include neighborhood outreach, homeless ministry, food kitchen service, public school after-school programs, senior outreach, and more.

Additionally, all students must participate in an extended ministry outreach or mission trip. While most students will travel internationally, some may serve domestically. Students are responsible for raising their own funds and attending all planning and training meetings necessary for a successful outreach.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Attendance in accordance with BSSM attendance policies.
- Completion of all required reading, along with a satisfactory report demonstrating meaningful engagement with the texts.
- Active, faithful participation in ministry opportunities, including planning and implementing outreaches, taking risks, and attending any necessary extra-school meetings or trainings.
- Successful fundraising and participation in a school-led extended ministry trip.

REQUIRED READING

- Johnson, Bill. *Defining Moments*. New Kensington, PA: Whitaker House, 2016.

SUPPLEMENTAL READING

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

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