



HERMENEUTICS

(HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE)

5 Weeks // Tuesdays at 6 PM
April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, and May 16

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LOCATION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Anyone who has ever read the Bible knows that, at times, it can be hard to understand. We want to read it more and know it better, but studying the Bible can feel daunting. How can we know what it is actually teaching? How can we safeguard ourselves from interpreting it incorrectly? How can we apply the Bible's teaching to our modern lives? These questions and more will be discussed so that you can grow in your ability to "rightly handle the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

COURSE OUTCOMES

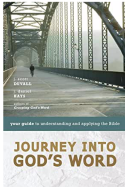
By the end of the course, you should:

1. Be aware of your own pre-understanding when you approach Scripture.
2. Be able to identify both the historical-cultural context and literary context of any given passage of Scripture.
3. Be equipped with a practical step-by-step approach to studying Scripture from initial reading to personal application.

4. Be ready to identify the genres of Scripture and each of their unique considerations for interpretation.
5. Grow in your understanding of what it means to read the Bible in its redemptive-historical, or gospel, context.

TEXTBOOK

Purchasing a book is optional. You can easily find it on Amazon.



Duvall, J. Scott and J. Daniel Hays. *Journey Into God's Word*, **2nd ed.** (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020).

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

This class will utilize lectures, discussion, and written exercises for learning. It is expected that each class participant is committed to being at each class on time ready to participate. Though this class will not earn any kind of credits toward an accredited degree, it will equip all students with the ability to better read, study, interpret, and apply the Bible. Thus, all students should value the potential growth to their personal lives shown in their commitment level to the class.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Introduction, Pre-Text & Context Issues	The Interpretive Journey	Understanding Bible Translations and Applied Learning	Interpreting the Genres of the Old Testament	Interpreting the Genres of the New Testament

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Carson, D. A. *Exegetical Fallacies*, 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 1996.

DeRouchie, Jason S. *How to Understand and Apply the Old Testament*. Philipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2017.

Duvall, J. Scott and J. Daniel Hays. *Grasping God's Word*, 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012.

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- Goldsworthy, Graeme. *Gospel-Centered Hermeneutics: Foundations and Principles of Evangelical Biblical Interpretation*. Downer's Grove, IL: IVP Press, 2006.
- Klein, William W., Craig L. Blomberg, and Robert L. Hubbard Jr. *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*, 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2017.
- Naselli, Andrew David. *How to Understand and Apply the New Testament*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2017.
- Osborne, Grant R. *The Hermeneutical Spiral*. Downer's Grove, IL: IVP Press, 2006.
- Piper, John. *Reading the Bible Supernaturally*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017.
- Thiselton, Anthony C. *Hermeneutics: An Introduction*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2009.
- Vanhoozer, Kevin J. *Is There a Meaning in This Text?: The Bible, The Reader, and the Morality of Literary Knowledge*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2009.
- Williams, Michael. *How to Read the Bible through the Jesus Lens*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012.