

Tentative Syllabus
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Ohio NorthEast School of Theology

“How to Understand the Bible” (part 2, this class does not require part 1 as a prerequisite)
Fall, 2023

Tuesdays, September 12 – December 5, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
The classes may be held at a location not yet determined
All classes will be available on Zoom

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

A course designed to further the student’s understanding of principles related to studying the Bible and to develop his or her skills in interpreting Scripture. Part 2 of the course will focus on how to interpret passages according to their literary genre.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Follow basic steps in order to draw out biblical principles.
2. Recognize the main literary genres found in the Bible and understand how the distinctive features of each genre affect interpretation.
3. Apply Scripture passages appropriately in modern ministry contexts.

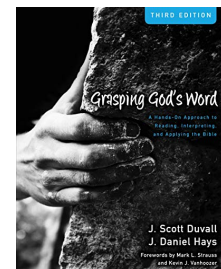
REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays. *Grasping God’s Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible*, **3rd ed.**
Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.

NOTE: **not** the 2nd or 4th editions. We will use the 3rd edition.

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SCHEDULE

Week	Topic in Class	Reading assignments after class
1	Review of Part 1 of the Course	
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3	New Testament, Letters	D&H, chapter 14
4	New Testament, Gospels	D&H, chapter 15
5	New Testament, Acts	D&H, chapter 16
6	New Testament, Revelation	D&H, chapter 17
7	Old Testament, Narrative	D&H, chapter 18
8	Old Testament, Law	D&H, chapter 19
9	Old Testament, Poetry	D&H, chapters 20
10	Old Testament, Prophets	D&H, chapter 21
11	Old Testament, Wisdom	D&H, chapter 22
12	Conclusion and Summary	

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Weekly preparation (reading the assigned chapters and taking weekly tests) and class participation. 40% of course grade.
2. Research paper. A research paper (at least 700 words) will require you to practice particular exegetical skills and demonstrate your ability to think through hermeneutical issues. The paper will be 60% of course grade. The paper will be on a passage not yet assigned and will be due before 6 pm on Week 12.

CONDUCT

Punctuality shows respect for the times of others. Anyone absent or late needs to communicate to the instructor ahead of time.

Encouragement esteems others more than oneself. One of the best ways to learn any material is to learn it well enough to help others learn it.

Honesty in writing papers will produce completely original material. Plagiarism, the copying of material produced by others, will not be permitted in this class. Any copying of a quote should be referenced properly. Plagiarism will result in an automatic failure in the class.

Deference is the removal of distractions so as not to be a stumblingblock to others. Therefore, eating food will not be permitted during class times, unless you are on Zoom and you are able to adjust the camera so that your eating is not seen.

REGISTRATION

To register, please call the office number, 330-775-3401. The course is \$150 whether auditing or seeking credit. Please make checks out to Steel Valley Baptist Association and mail to

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