

Additional Benefits from the Course

Accuracy & Clarity in Communication

The more accurately you present truth the greater the impact you will have in your presentation of truth.

Contextualized Leadership Development

The courses will be taught by local instructors who live in Northeast Ohio and know the unique ways to apply the principles in our area. Thus, the life applications will be in our context.

Access to the Gateway Seminary Library

As a student you have access to the resources in the libraries at all five campuses. Pastors can access the libraries for sermon preparation.

Discounts

As a student of Gateway Seminary you can receive 50% off Logos Bible Software.

Progress towards a Certificate / Diploma

Three different levels of degree programs exist: the certificate, the diploma, and the leadership diploma.

Eventual Graduation at Gateway

You may graduate on stage at one of the Gateway Seminary Campuses (your option).



Cost

The cost is greatly reduced to provide the equivalency of a Bible College and seminary training at an affordable price. Each 3-hour course is \$300. Additional costs include registration fees, and course materials.

Auditing Courses

Students may audit courses without having to do any assignments. However, no credits will be earned. A \$100 fee will still be required.

Statement on Accreditation

Neither O.N.E. School nor ADVANCE is a regionally or ATS accredited program. Course content is supervised by the ADVANCE National Office to ensure high standards. However, classes are post high school, not Master's level. The ADVANCE distinctive is its accessibility in terms of location, cost, and adaptability to a variety of local contexts. College or seminary credit may be obtained. Please contact Randy Langham for more details.

To Register

Contact O.N.E. School at 330-775-3401 or contact Randy Langham at 330-398-2455

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For More Information

Go to www.OhioNorthEast.com or
go to the Gateway website at:
www.gs.edu/academics/degrees/advance/

Spring Semester, 2023



Biblical • Practical • Accessible • Christ-Centered

How to Interpret the Bible

You will learn how to ...

- ... dig out the original meaning of the text accurately,
- ... find the eternal principles in the text, and
- ... apply those principles for every day life.



The School is a ministry of the Steel Valley Baptist Association and serves as an ADVANCE Center of Gateway Seminary in Ontario, California.



GATEWAY SEMINARY

Biblical • Missional • Global

Spring 2023 Course

How to Interpret the Bible (Hermeneutics)

Tuesdays 6-9 PM

Starting January 17, 2023

At present the Hermeneutics class will exist on Zoom for the entirety of the semester.

led by Dr. Randy Langham

Course Description

A course designed to further the student's understanding of hermeneutical principles and develop his or her skills in interpreting Scripture.

Course Objectives

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

1. follow basic steps of exegetical procedure appropriately,
2. apply fundamental principles of biblical hermeneutics appropriately,
3. recognize the main literary genres found in the Bible and understand how the distinctive features of each genre affect interpretation, and
4. apply Scripture passages in modern ministry contexts appropriately.

Scriptural Basis for the Course

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.
(2 Tim 2:15, NASB)

Ideal Participants for the Course

The O.N.E. School exists primarily for the sake of the average church member who wants to take Bible-College-type classes on a post high school level without having to travel long distances and to pay for extra expenses. The classes are taught on the level of the people to help our local churches. The following Scripture passages give additional emphasis showing the need for all Christians and church leaders to know the Bible accurately:

• Christians

God has given church leaders the responsibility to lead their people so they can accurately interpret Scripture and speak that truth in love:

And [God] gave some as ... pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints ... As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, ... speaking the truth in love, (Eph 4:11-15, NASU)

• Teachers

All small group Bible study teachers need to increase the accuracy of their presentations:

Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.
(James 3:1, NASU)

• Preachers

A pastor's job description includes leading the people to being sound in doctrine:

And [God] gave some as ... pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.
(Eph 4:11-13, NASU)

[All students need to be at least 21 years old.]

How the Course will Run

All students will be introduced to about two dozen approaches (like historical context, literary context, literary style, genres, Bible translations, etc.) which help to discover the meaning of the texts intended by the original authors. In addition, a multitude of "free" resources will be available to assist with each of those two dozen approaches, since no one will be able to master any of those in the 15-week course.

During class time we will also look at a "controversial" topic using the same procedures. All Christians should search the Scriptures on any topic knowing that the Bible contains truth. In addition, we will apply those same procedures while examining a variety of Scripture passages.

The "tests" will consist of papers which will show an understanding of how to use these approaches.

Resources received during the course

- The main textbook (required) contains a wealth of information.
- The companion workbook (optional) allows more opportunities to understand the approaches and to apply the same principles mentioned in the textbook.
- The companion youtube videos (optional) provide classroom lectures for each of the chapters in the textbook.
- Many of the O.N.E. School class lectures will be available on youtube within a day after the classes.
- You will receive an Old Testament timeline which aids greatly with historical contexts.
- You will also receive numerous web sites which provide quality helps in order to obtain a more accurate interpretation of the texts.