

Bible Study Basics

Spring 2024

Course Description

The intention of this course is to equip the saints to faithfully study the Scripture and to start them on the journey of lifelong Bible study. It is not a seminary class, and is not intended to cover topics in the same level of depth or nuance. Instead, it is designed to promote fruitful study in one's own devotional life, to supercharge personal study for the sake of sanctification and growth. That being said, these foundational principles, if learned well, set up the student for deeper study, and can be used with practice and guidance for preaching, teaching, and counseling—ministries of the Word.

Class Schedule

January 21 - [Introduction to Hermeneutics](#): This class will cover the importance of authorial intent and the literal-grammatical-historical hermeneutic.

January 28 - [Literary Context](#): This class will cover various levels of literary contextual data, and how to apply them in interpreting a passage at hand.

February 4 - [Historical Context](#): This class will cover historical contextual data, including redemptive history and historical / cultural / geographical events.

February 11 - [Narrative Exegesis](#): This class will cover basic principles for exegeting narrative and how to exercise them in sample passages.

February 25 - [Epistolary Exegesis](#): This class will cover basic principles for exegeting epistles and how to exercise them in sample passages.

March 3 - [Poetic Exegesis](#): This class will cover basic principles for exegeting poetry and how to exercise them in sample passages.

March 10 - [Prophetic Exegesis](#): This class will cover basic principles for exegeting prophecy and how to exercise them in sample passages.

March 17 - [What Next?](#): This class will tie concepts together and synthesize how they might be used in the life of a layman, as well as provide resources for further study.

Homework

To promote implementation of the principles taught in class, there will be a homework assignment at the end of each class. This homework will be mandatory (although there will be grace available if it is not completed), and should be brought to class for collection.