



Sovereign Grace
Academy

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Hermeneutics (BIB101)

TERM: QTR04 2021 (Oct 7-Dec 2)
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COURSE OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

This course will aid the student in building a solid foundation for proper Bible study. It will cover methods for observing and investigating a text of scripture, applying appropriate hermeneutical and exegetical principles, and arriving at a correct understanding and application of the text.

REQUIRED TEXTS

The Holy Bible (Translation: Student's Choice)
Living by the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible (Hendricks)
Living by the Book: Workbook (Hendricks)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class Attendance

Class attendance is required and will be checked at each session. A student who misses more than 25% of the class meetings will forfeit credit for the class and receive a failing grade, unless an arrangement is made with the professor to complete the work online. Students are expected to be in class on time.

Academic Character

Using someone's work without proper citation or handing in another's work as your own is considered plagiarism. This includes materials taken from books or the internet. Intentional cheating in any form compromises your grade and may jeopardize your continuation in this program.

Reading Assignments (25% of Final Grade)

The reading of assigned sections from the required text is a very important component of this course. Students must complete the readings contained in the syllabus to be able to engage in classroom discussions.

Notebook Assignment (25% of Final Grade)

Keep a notebook devoted specifically to this course. The notebook should contain all course handouts along with all of the notes and assignments that you do for this course. Organization of materials is important to make them accessible for future use.

Research Project (50% of Final Grade)

The research project will be assigned during the final class.

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Each student will be provided a section of Scripture.

The student is required to perform a hermeneutical analysis including:

- The Observations from the Text
- The Interpretation of the Text
- The Applications from the Text

This research project will be submitted in the following format.

A title page which includes the course title, number, student name, and professor name.

The body of the project should be well-organized and be no less than three pages and no more than five pages (double spaced).

A properly cited bibliography page (Student may choose APA or MLA formatting).

GRADING SCALE

A (100-90) B (89-80) C (79-70) D (69-60) F (59 or below)

COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	SESSION	CONTENT TO BE COVERED	ASSIGNED READING
10/07/2021	Lecture 1	Introduction to Hermeneutics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why People Don't Study - Why Study the Bible - Overview of the Process 	Read p. 13-47 in Living by the Book Write 10 Observations from Romans 12:1-2
10/14/2021	Lecture 2	Observation Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Value of Observation - Ten Strategies for Reading - Go Over WB Assignment 	Read p.51-65 in Living by the Book Complete p.15-20 in the workbook
10/21/2021	Lecture 3	Observation Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Six Things to Look For - Practice Observation Skills - Go Over WB Assignment 	Read over exercises 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 in the workbook. Choose one to complete and discuss.
10/28/2021	Lecture 4	Interpretation Pt 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Value of Interpretation - Understanding Literary Types - Go Over WB Assignment 	Read p. 193-194; 199-212 in Living by the Book Read over exercise 46-48 in the workbook
11/04/2021	Lecture 5	Interpretation Pt 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Five Keys to Interpretation - Exegesis vs Eisegesis - Go Over WB Assignment 	Read over exercises 49 to 57 in the workbook. Choose one to complete and discuss.
11/11/2021	Lecture 6	Application Pt 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why Application is Critical - Five Substitutes for Application - Go Over WB Assignment 	Read p. 289-298 in Living by the Book Read over exercise 58 in the workbook
11/18/2021	Lecture 7	Application Pt 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four Steps to Application - Nine Questions to Ask - Go Over WB Assignment 	Read over exercises 65 to 73 in the workbook. Choose one to complete and discuss.
12/02/2021	Lecture 8	Putting it All Together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work Through Selected Texts in Class - Discuss Value of Study Groups - Discuss Research Project 	Read p. 368-377 in Living by the Book Write 20 More Observations from Romans 12:1-2

Once the final class is completed, student will have four weeks to return the completed research project which will then be graded. If all materials combine for a passing score, a certificate of completion will be awarded.