

Hermeneutics

7:00 – 9:00P.M.

Detroit Bible Institute

313-836-7324

Class Dates: Mondays – April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21; June 4, 11, 18, 25

Textbook: How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth, Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart

Instructor: Pastor Flynn A. Smith – [REDACTED] (cell) (no calls after 9:30 please) or email at flynnsmith@sbcglobal.net

Asst. Instructor: [REDACTED]

Office Hours: Mondays, 6:00 – 7:00P.M. in classroom

Course Description: This course is a study in the art and science of biblical interpretation, its basic methodologies and structure. It demonstrates the proper manner in which to interpret the bible in general and 10 different literary styles found in scripture in particular.

Course Objective(s): You will learn and apply the art and science of proper biblical interpretation. You will be exposed to the major genres and literary styles of biblical writing. You will be taught how to understand the historical context and original meaning of a given passage of scripture.

Assignments:

Quizzes – 200 Points (There will be no more than 10 quizzes)

Reading – 100 Points (A reading log will be submitted by June 18th)

Homework – 150 Points (5 papers will be assigned)

Class Participation – 50 Points (You are expected to be appropriately vocal and participatory in class)

Make-up Assignments: Any quizzes missed must be made up during office hours or by appointment. Late papers will be assessed a 10% penalty per week beginning at midnight of the due date. Emailed papers are permissible. Emailed papers will be considered late as of midnight of the evening of class.

Attendance Policy: In accordance with the Detroit Bible Institute policy, all students must attend a minimum of 10 classes in order to receive credit for the

course. Excused absences are at the full discretion of the instructor and will not count against the student. In the event that a student does have an excused absence, the instructor reserves the right to assign extra homework and reading assignments to make up for lecture time missed by the student.

Grading Policy: Students must complete a minimum of 75% (375 points) of all coursework in order to pass the class. A letter grade for the class will be earned based upon the grading scale listed in the DBI catalog.

Behavioral Policy: Students will fail the course and may be dismissed from the class if they are found cheating, being dishonest about work done in course, harassing other students or demonstrating destructive behavior.

Course Schedule:

April 2 – The need of and basic tools for Bible interpretation – Read chaps. 1-4

April 9 – The Epistles – Quiz 1 – Read chapter 5 – H.W. Assignment # 1

April 16 – Old Testament Narratives – Quiz 2 – Read chapter 6 – **H.W. # 1 Due**

April 23 – The Acts – Quiz 3 – Read chapter 7 – H.W. Assignment # 2

April 30 – The Gospels – Quiz 4 – Read chapter 8 – **H.W. # 2 Due**

May 7 – The Parables – Quiz 5 – Read chapter 9 – H.W. Assignment # 3

May 14 – The Law – Quiz 6 – Read chapter 10 – **H.W. # 3 Due**

May 21 – The Prophets – Quiz 7 – Read chapter 11 – H.W. Assignment # 4

May 28 – Memorial Day – No Class

June 4 – The Psalms – Quiz 8 – Read chapter 12 – **H.W. # 4 Due**

June 11 – The Wisdom Books – Quiz 9 – Read chap. 13 – H.W. Assignment # 5

June 18 – The Revelation – Quiz 10 – **Reading log due – H.W. # 5 Due**

June 25 – Handling Apparent Contradictions

Suggested reading for further development: Living By The Book, William & Howard Hendricks

Note: The instructor reserves the right to amend course assignments and scheduling if necessary. Any amendment(s) made will **not** increase previously stated requirements laid upon the students.