

WSBM 120 NEW TESTAMENT PANORAMA

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Day: Thursdays (8 sessions): 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Fall 2023 In-person 2 credit hours Room: *TBD*

WSBM exists to equip Willingdon Church – head, heart and hands – to be more biblically literate and to serve more effectively in church and related ministry.

Course Description

This foundational course surveys the New Testament from beginning to end, providing an overview of the basic content and key themes of each book. It also explains how each of the NT books fits into the larger NT story. Students will read through the entire New Testament over the course of two months.

Course Resources

Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stewart, <u>How to Read the Bible Book by Book</u> (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002).

D.A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo, & Leon Morris. <u>An Introduction To The New Testament</u>. Zondervan, 1992. (This is a very good resource providing the historical background, literary analysis and theological message for each of the New Testament books).

Course Objectives

Know: to grasp an overview of the New Testament story, understand how each book fits within that story, become aware of the outline and major themes of each NT book, and interpret the relevance of the New Testament for today.

Be: to grow as disciples of Jesus through immersion into his kingdom story and create a hunger for life-long biblical study.

Do: to take specific action steps for living out the New Testament story.



Student Projects & Grading

New Testament Reading (30%)

Students will be required to read the entire New Testament in the language of their choice during the time of the course. A reading sheet will be provided and must be turned in on the last day of class.

Due: Last day of class

New Testament Timeline 20%

Write a 750-word essay describing a New Testament theme, outlining why it is important to you, and how you plan to apply it to your life and ministry.

Memorization (15%)

The passage to be memorized will be Colossians 1:15-20.

Due: Last day of class

Final exam (35%)

Covering the course content, the exam will include multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and short answer questions.

Instructor Bio

Ray Harms-Wiebe is married to Judy. Together they have three married daughters and two grandsons. Ray enjoys coffee, motorbiking, jogging, and reading.

Ray serves as lead pastor of Willingdon Church. Prior to ministry at Willingdon, Ray served as a church planting missionary to Brazil for 18 years and then served for another ten years as Global Program Team Leader for MB Mission.

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