

Willingdon School of the Bible

Equipping the people of God – head, heart and hands – through the Word of God, helping them know Jesus Christ personally and carry on his ministry.

Course: WSB 130 Introduction to Biblical Studies

Through this course you will learn about the miracle of the Bible including its origin, collection, and preservation. You will also be introduced to basic principles and practices of hermeneutics and exegesis helpful for deeper Bible study and correct interpretation of Scriptures.

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Thursdays | April 15 – June 3 (8 sessions) | 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Course Objectives:

1. To create an appreciation of the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God.
2. To develop procedures and tools to aid in personal study of the Bible.
3. To encourage the pursuit of life-long biblical study.

Required Reading

- Tremper Longman III, *Reading the Bible with Heart and Mind* (NavPress, 1997).

Student Projects & Grading

Precis Assignment (30%)

Write a Precis for the text in italics above. Do not engage or criticize the content, just provide a summary of the main contents of each chapter in your own words. Use Chapter and Section numbers as subject headers for your paper. Your precis paper should be no more than 1,000 words (3-4 pages of double-spaced text).

Due: Upload to the class site on or before the last day of class.

Reasons to Study the Bible (20%)

Use the following verses to create a list in chart form of at least 20 reasons why a believer should study the Bible. Do not go to outside sources, but just use these verses: Psalm 19:7-11; Psalm 119:1-16; 1 Peter 2:2-3; Hebrews 4:12; 5:11-14; 2 Timothy 3:16-17. There may be more than one reason is each passage of Scripture.

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Importance of the Bible (20%)

A friend has written and asked you why you believe the Bible is worth reading and living by. Write a letter (3 pages maximum) back to your friend, describing why you believe the Bible is the authoritative word of God. You will want to describe the importance of inspiration, inerrancy, and the sufficiency of the Bible. Be sure to include both Bible verses and historical evidence in your letter.

Exegetical Work (30%)

Study each of the Scripture passages below, using the five steps of Bible study. Be sure to include in your submission, all the work you have done for each step.

2 Kings 4:1-7

Psalm 139

Philippians 4:2-9

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