

BTCP Course 1-Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation

Instructor:

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Course Description:

An introduction to the basic Bible study methods and rules of interpretation, with emphasis on accurately understanding and obeying God's Word and the development of practical skills. Students will learn to determine what scripture says, what it means, and how it can be applied.

Course Goals:

1. To train pastors and church leaders to properly and systematically study and interpret the Bible, in order to "correctly handle the Word of Truth" so that they may be equipped for every good work.
2. To lead pastors and church leaders to an awareness of their need to personally apply and obey the Bible as they preach and teach others.
3. To demonstrate that an important purpose of studying the Bible is for personal "training in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16) so that pastors and church leaders will become more like Jesus Christ.
4. To emphasize the necessity to absolutely and total depend on the illumination and teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.
5. To encourage pastors and church leaders to engage in personal, serious and regular Bible study in the text of scripture.

Course Resources:

1. The study manual for BTCP Course 1: Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation.
2. The English Standard Version Study Bible (ESV) ,Crossway, Wheaton, Illinois, 2008
3. The Student Bible Dictionary, Expanded & Updated Edition, Barbour Publishing, 2014

Course Requirements:

1. Classroom Activity: Be prepared to take notes on classroom lectures and discussions, and to participate in those discussions.
2. Daily Assignments: Carefully read and review material covered in class, including reading all Bible references and completing any assignments not finished in class. Make sure that you understand the content, concepts and application of that material (about 4-10 pages per class). **PLEASE NOTE:** The instructor will check the student's course manual every 2-3 weeks to make sure the work pages are being completed on schedule.
3. Classroom Attendance: Attendance of class is required. Excessive absences may result in dismissal from the class. To receive credit from WorldReach Bible Institute for this course you must have an attendance record of at least 75%.
4. Evaluation: In order to take additional courses at WorldReach Bible Institute you must demonstrate to the instructor satisfactory understanding of the content and the ability to practice the skills taught.

Observation Workshop: 5-10 minute presentation

Interpretation Workshop: 5-10 minute presentation

Application Workshops: 10-15 minute presentation

Note: Prior to each workshop ask the instructor to answer any questions you may have concerning each of the workshops.

Additional Requirements:

1. During the semester each student must turn in **(4)** one page papers, typed or hand written on one of the topics from the Subject Suggestions list in the notebook.
2. All students enrolled In WorldReach Bible Institute are required to read through the Bible each year using the reading schedule provided in your notebook or any other systematic, 12 month method.