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## COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

### PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

The student will be introduced to the science of Bible interpretation.

### SUMMARY OF COURSE CONTENT

Lesson one introduces the student to the opinion of others as to how to interpret the Bible. Lesson two reviews the hermeneutical circle. Lessons three to seven are dedicated to the explanation of 20 principles for interpreting the Bible. Lesson eight recommends three Bible study methods.

### COURSE MATERIALS

The student manual consists of eight lessons. The eight-hour conference will orient the students according to the student manual. The students will also read the book of R.C. Sproul, *Knowing Scripture* or watch the video series with the same title as part of their reading requirements (other readings can be substituted).

### OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

There are five general objectives for this course on hermeneutics. First, the student will participate in class and study groups. Second, the student will seek to comprehend the basic concepts of hermeneutics. Three, the student will develop hermeneutical and exegetical skills. Fourth, the student will be exposed to proven Biblical interpreters. Finally, the student will show mastery over the basic concepts of hermeneutics.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COURSE

1. The student will attend 15 hours of class or interactive mentoring in person or via Internet.
2. The student will complete the homework assignments at the end of the lessons in the student manual.
3. The student will complete a special project where he/she studies a Bible text using the principles and methods taught in the course (see Exegetical Work Sheet in Appendix).
4. The student will become familiar with the writings and materials of other authors.
5. The student will take a final exam.

### EVALUATION OF THE COURSE

1. The student will attend 15 hours of class or interactive mentoring. For every class hour attended, one point will be given (15% of total).
2. The student will complete the homework assignment at the end of each lesson in the student manual. For every homework assignment completed, two points will be given (15%).
3. The student will complete a special project where he/she studies a Bible text using the principles and methods taught in the course. The student will complete the assignment prior to the last class (30%).
4. The student will become familiar with the writings and materials of other authors. For the BA student, a three-page report (for MA, 5 pages) will be written as to the content of *Knowing Scripture*, both from the book and/or video (20%). The BA student will read a total of 300 pages and the MA student 600. The syllabus readings, as well as the Sproul reading, are part of the total pages read; the rest is determined by the student. A three-page book review will be submitted on the readings.
5. The student will take a final exam (20%). The final exam tests the student in the understanding of the hermeneutical circle and the definition of the principles of Bible interpretation as presented in this course.

## BENEFITS OF THE COURSE

The study of God's Word is transformational for the student and for people he or she relates to. It is our hope that the student will use the study of God's Word for Christian ministry.

## CLASS RECORD

The teacher of the class will fill in the appropriate grade for each segment of study.

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Level of study</b>	<b>Class attendance (15%)</b>	<b>Homework completed (15%)</b>	<b>Reading and viewing report and oral presentation (20%)</b>	<b>Special Bible study project (30%)</b>	<b>Final Exam (20%)</b>	<b>Final Grade</b>

## TEACHER'S INSTRUCTIONS

1. Instruct the students to keep one class ahead for scheduled homework so that they come to class prepared.
2. Class time will be spent by reviewing last week's homework assignment; by reviewing the written lesson for that day and by explaining future homework, readings and special project.
3. By the end of the course the teacher will have the grades for class attendance, for homework prepared for class, for completing readings and reading reports, for the mark for the special project, the mark of the final exam and the final grade. This class record must be sent to the Academic Dean of MINTS (hejikm@aol.com). If the class record is not sent to MINTS, the grades cannot be recorded at the MINTS central office.