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AT NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Hermeneutics: CTI 103

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New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the Church Training Institute Prepare Servants to Walk with Christ, Proclaim His Truth, and Fulfill His Mission.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to equip students with a five-step interpretative journey that will help make sense of any passage in the Bible by guiding them in the specifics of all the major genres and how best to approach each one.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the Term, the student will:

1. Learn how to read the sentences, paragraphs, and discourses of the Bible;
2. Learn how to study the historical-cultural and literary contexts of the Bible;
3. Understand the authorial intent and accurate application of the Bible;
4. Learn how to apply the five-step interpretative journey to the major genres of the Old and New Testaments.

COURSE TEXTS

The following textbooks are required:

1. J. Scott Duval and J. Daniel Hays, *Grasping God's Word, Fourth Edition: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible* (Grand Rapids, IL: Zondervan Academic, 2020). ISBN: 0310109175
2. The Bible. Any of the following translations are acceptable: NASB, NASB95 Update, KJV, NKJV, RSV, ESV, NIV, NLT, or HCSB.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Assignment #1:** Read the assigned chapters according to the Class Schedule. These chapters should be read before we discuss them in class.
- 2. Assignment #2:** Fill in the **Reading Log** as you finish reading the assigned pages.
- 3. Assignment #3:** Apply the Interpretive Journey to the OT Genres in Class.
- 4. Assignment #4:** Apply the Interpretive Journey to the NT Genres in Class.
- 5. Mid-Term Exam**
- 6. Final Exam**

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction/Orientation ○ Read Duvall/Hays Chapters 1-3; pp1-51 ○ How to Read the Book-Basic Tools 	Oct 1-7
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read Duvall/Hays Chapters 4-6; pp57-134 ○ How to Read the Book-Basic Tools ○ Context-Now and Then 	Oct 8-14
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read Duvall/Hays Chapters 7-9; pp137-186 ○ Context-Now and Then 	Oct 15-21
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mid-Term Exam Over Weeks 1-3 ○ Read Duvall/Hays Chapters 10-12; pp193-236 ○ Meaning and Application 	Oct 22-28
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read Duvall/Hays Chapters 13-15; pp239-301 ○ Meaning and Application ○ The Interpretive Journey-New Testament ○ Letters and Gospels 	Oct 29-Nov 4
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read Duvall/Hays Chapters 16-18; pp305-376 ○ The Interpretive Journey-New Testament ○ Acts and Revelation ○ The Interpretive Journey-Old Testament ○ Narrative 	Nov 5-11
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read Duvall/Hays Chapters 19-22; pp383-488 ○ The Interpretive Journey-Old Testament ○ Law, Poetry, Prophets, and Wisdom ○ Read Duvall/Hays Appendix 1: Inspiration/Canon pp491-502 	Nov 12-18
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final Exam ○ Reading Log due ○ Wishing You and Yours A Happy Thanksgiving, A Merry Christmas, and A Happy New Year! 	Nov 19

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Student Name:
READING LOG

Date	<i>Duvall/Hays</i>	Chapters/Pages Read
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