



# Lighthouse Bible Institute

## Hermeneutics

### Class Syllabus

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#### Course Description

This basic course in Hermeneutics seeks to help readers become more self-sufficient in their Bible study. Not only to read the word but to rightly understand even more difficult passages, and even further to be able to more functionally apply the word that is now understood.

**This is a three-credit course.**

#### Course Objective

The object of this course is to create readers who more fully observe, understand, and live the word for the glory of God. Students should have a framework to bring the story from the pages of scripture to apply in life today.

#### Required Course Materials

- Duvall, J. Scott and J. Daniel Hays. [\*Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible\*](#). Fourth Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2020.
- Laptop with Logos 10 (Free Version)
- Class handouts will be provided by the class instructor. It is advised to use a three-ring binder for these handouts.

#### Additional Resources

- Lubeck, Ray. *Reading the Bible for a Change: Understanding and Responding to God's Word*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2023.
- Hendricks, Howard G., and William D. Hendricks. *Living by the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible*. Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2007.
- Zuck, Roy B. *Basic bible interpretation: A practical guide to discovering biblical truth*. Colorado Springs, CO: David C Cook, 1991.

#### Required Course Costs

- \$10 plus books if you are not working toward certification.
- \$20 plus books if you are seeking certification.
- Grasping God's Word 4<sup>th</sup> edition \$30
- Book Rental cost \$10 / class

#### Class Schedule

<b>Week</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Percent of Final Grade</b>
1	Diagram Hermeneutical process and Assignment 3-1	100	10%
2	Book Assignment 4-5 and 5-2	100	10%
3	Book Assignment 6-2, 3, or 4	100	10%
4	Book Assignment 8-2	100	10%
5	Book Assignment 9-1	100	10%
6	Book Assignment 11-1	100	10%
7	Book Assignment 12-1	100	10%
8	Book Assignment 13-1 or 13-2	100	10%
9	Verbal or Video Presentation	200	20%
10	Cont.	Cont.	
	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

- All sessions for this course will be on Saturdays from 8:00 am - 9:15 am.
- This is a ten-week course starting on April 11<sup>th</sup> and running through June 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Class Grading/Assignments**

- To pass the class, you must:
  - Have an average of 70% or better (C average or better).
- All assignments may be turned in up to two weeks late.
  - Within the first week, there is up to a 10% penalty for late work.
  - In the second week, there is up to a 20% penalty for late work.
  - After two full weeks, the assignment will be graded as zero.
  - Prior planned excused absences may receive extra grace at the professor's discretion.
  - It is your responsibility to seek out the work you miss in a timely fashion.

### **Course Outline**

- All reading is to be done before class!
- The quizzes and tests will cover the assigned reading and new information from that day's Class handout.

#### **1. Interpretive Journey and Basics to Hermeneutics– April 11<sup>th</sup>**

##### **a. Read Grasping God's Word: 23-51**

**b.** Recreate the interpretive Journey map and explain the different pieces of the journey that must be used.

**c.** Complete Assignment 3-1 in the book on a separate sheet of paper

#### **2. Observing the Text in Passages and Discourses – April 18<sup>th</sup>**

##### **a. Read Grasping God's Word: 57-72, 81-97**

**b.** Complete Assignment 4-5 on a separate sheet of paper

**c.** Complete Assignment 5-2 on a separate sheet of paper

**3. Historical-Cultural Contexts – April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**a. Read Grasping God's Word: 109-134**

**b.** Choose to do either Assignment 6-2, 6-3, or 6-4 on a separate sheet of paper

**4. Understanding Presuppositions and Literary Context – May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**a. Read Grasping God's Word: 137-164**

**b.** Assignment 8-2 on a separate sheet of paper

**5. Word Studies – May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**a. Read Grasping God's Word: 168-186**

**b.** Assignment 9-1 on a separate sheet of paper

**6. Meaning – May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**a. Read Grasping God's Word: 193-224**

**b.** Assignment 11-1 on a separate sheet of paper

**7. The Role of the Holy Spirit – May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**a. Read Grasping God's Word: 227-237**

**b.** Assignment 12-1 on a separate sheet of paper

**8. Application – May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**a. Read Grasping God's Word: 239-253**

**b.** Assignment 13-1 or 13-2 on a separate sheet of paper

**9. Verbal or Video Presentation – June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**a.** Having picked a passage and using the later chapters we did not cover in class that apply to your passage, walk us through the five interpretive steps for your passage in 5-10 minutes.

**b.** You will be graded on content, study, resources, and presentation.

**10. Verbal or Video Presentation Pt. 2 – June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**a.** Having picked a passage and using the later chapters we did not cover in class that apply to your passage, walk us through the five interpretive steps for your passage in 5-10 minutes.

**b.** You will be graded on content, study, resources, and presentation.