INTERPRETATION

SEEKING A BIBLICAL HERMENEUTIC

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Books and courses on interpreting the Bible abound in our day. What makes this course unique?

Answer: Our instructor is the Scripture itself.

In this course, you will learn how to read the Bible as the Bible itself demands to be read. In other words, this course will teach you to derive your hermeneutic of the Bible from the Bible, discovering the interpretive principles that the Bible itself sets forth—all that we might know God's glory in Christ more as we allow the Word of God to be both our teacher and our textbook.

PREREQUISITES

None.

WORKLOAD

This course is composed of ten lessons, with each lesson ending in an assignment. Students are invited to progress at their own pace. Your coach will inquire as to your intended pace shortly after you begin and help keep you accountable to stay on schedule.

ASSESSMENT

Path courses all end with an assessment to determine your grasp of the skills learned and material covered. Successfully passing an assessment requires a high degree of

understanding and is meant to serve as a motivation to take your study seriously as well as a catalyst to improve the standard of Bible study in the Biblearc community.

Students who successfully complete the course and pass the assessment will earn **Biblearc's Interpretation Certificate**.

If you do not pass an assessment, you may retry after one week's time.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Time Estimates: The course requires students to complete two tasks for each lesson:

- 1. Read the lesson content (about 1.5 hours)
- 2. Complete the assignment(s) (about 1-1.5 hours)

The total amount of hours to finish Interpretation, therefore, is 25-30 hours.

Assignments: These allow students to apply the principles they learn.

Assessment: At the end of the course, students will take a one-hour comprehensive assessment.

COURSE OUTLINE

- 1. Laying the Foundation
- 2. Interpretation Is Moral
- 3. Learning Our Hermeneutic from the Bible
- 4. Understanding the Context
- 5. Introduction to Genre
- 6. Using the Four Branches of Theology
- 7. Christ As the Key
- 8. The Right Use of Scripture
- 9. The Heart of Interpretation
- 10. Interpretive Tools