

MD 101: Bible Study Methods
Veritas Bible Institute Fall 2014
Wednesdays 3:00-5:00 pm
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2 Credit

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Course Description

This course will equip students to study the Bible for personal growth as well as in preparation to teach others. We will cover the basics of hermeneutics (the art and science of Biblical interpretation), including observation, interpretation, and application of the Biblical text. Students will also be introduced to a number of tools that will aid their study.

Course Objectives

Students will be able to

- Develop a strategy for consistent, personal, effective Bible reading
- Skillfully observe, interpret, and apply the Bible
- Understand key issues in Biblical interpretation
- Use the Bible in personal counseling and discipleship
- Direct others in Bible study

Textbooks

Howard G. Hendricks, William D. Hendricks, *Living By The Book*, 2007

Robert L. Plummer, *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible*, 2010

Course Requirements

Reading (5 points each, 65 points total)

Each week the student will have reading to complete. The students are required to complete all the required reading before the class begins so that they will be able to participate in and benefit from the class discussions.

Assignments (10 points each, 110 points total)

Most weeks there will be an assignment that corresponds to the reading. Because part of the class will be spent discussing the assignment, the students are required to complete the

assignment before each class. If a student misses class, it is his or her responsibility to contact the instructor or another student to get a copy of the questions for the following week.

Final Project (100 points)

There will be a final project due on the last day of class that will allow the student to apply the principles of observation, interpretation, and application that he or she has learned throughout the course. The student will select from a list of passages provided by the instructor (or submit a proposal for an alternative passage) and apply the study methods to determine the meaning and application principles for the passage. More information about the assignment will be given throughout the course.

Attendance

In order to maintain high standards of learning, students will only be allowed two absences per course. Any exceptions must be approved by the course instructor.

Course Schedule

Note – additional information about the assignments will be given in class.

	Hendricks	Plummer	Assignment
8/27/2014	1-4 (optional)	-	-
9/3/2014	5-7	1-2 (Optional)	Joshua 1:8 (Hendricks 6)
9/10/2014	8-12	3-4 (Optional)	Philemon (Hendricks 8), Read prayerfully (Hendricks 12)
9/17/2014	13-18	5-6 (Optional)	John 4 (Hendricks 14), Titus 1:5-9 (Hendricks 18)
9/24/2014	19-23	7	Psalm 119 (Hendricks 20), John 11 (Hendricks 22)
10/1/2014	24-26	12	Matthew 13:1-23 (Hendricks 24)
10/8/2014	27-28	9, 14	-
10/15/2014	29	21-24	Ruth
10/22/2014	-	28-31	Topical study from Proverbs
10/29/2014	-	32-35	Study on a parable
11/5/2014	30-34	19	Daniel 1-2 (Hendricks 30-34)
11/12/2014	35-38	13	Psalm 139 (Hendricks 36)
11/19/2014	39-43	20	Begin final project
11/26/2014	No Class - Thanksgiving		
12/3/2014	44-48	-	Luke 14-17 (Hendricks 44)
12/10/2014	-	-	Final Project due
12/17/2014	No Class		