

GRACE SEMINARY  
CENTER FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP STUDIES  
*STRETCHING MINDS, STRENGTHENING HEARTS, SHAPING HANDS.*

Principles of Effective Bible Study and Teaching Ministry

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Examines Bible study and interpretation skills applied to a teaching ministry. The course will apply foundational principles of effective Bible study that can be used for personal study and small group Bible study leadership. Hands-on activities and assignments will help develop observational skills of the English text. Students will learn to apply hermeneutical principles to various biblical genres with the goal of interpreting the text based on its historical/cultural and literary context. Application of the meaning of the text for spiritual formation will be emphasized as well.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of the weekend session, the learner will:

1. Develop her relationship with God by embracing Him as the Divine Author of the Bible and worthy of study and devotion.
2. Value applying God's truth to her personal life.
3. Identify and perform key steps to understanding God's truth revealed in Scripture according to the Inductive Bible Study Method and Interpretive Journey.
4. Show proficiency in observation skills.
5. Recognize the importance of studying Scripture according to the 3 contexts: literary context, historical/cultural context and theological/redemptive context.
6. Develop a Bible study lesson plan for the edification of others.

### **Recommended Texts for future growth:**

ESV Study Bible

Chappell, Bryan. (2005). *Christ-Centered Preaching* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.

**ISBN:** 0801027985

Duvall, J. Scott & Hays, J. Daniel. (2012). *Grasping God's Word* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition). Grand Rapids, MI:

Zondervan. **ISBN:** 0310492572

Hendricks, Howard & Hendricks. (1993). *Living by the Book*. Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers.

**ISBN:** 0802408230

Hendricks, Howard. (1987). *Teaching to Change Lives*. Colorado Springs, CO: Multnomah Press.

**ISBN:** 1590521382

Richards, Lawrence & Bredfeldt, Gary. (1998). *Creative Bible Teaching*. Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers. **ISBN:** 0802416446

Russell, Walt. (2000). *Playing with Fire: How the Bible Ignites Change in your Soul*. Colorado Springs, CO: Navpress. **ISBN:** 1576831426

Wihoit, James & Ryken, Leland. (1988). *Effective Bible Teaching*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books. **ISBN:** 0801096855

Zuck, Roy. (1991). *Basic Bible Interpretation*. Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook Communications Ministries. **ISBN:** 0781438772

Robinson, Haddon. (2001). *Biblical Preaching* (Revised Edition). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books. **ISBN:** 0801022622

**Course Overview:**

*Prerequisites:* None

*Requirements for obtaining CEU credit:*

Active participation in class discussion is a vital part of your personal growth and integration of course content. Please come to class ready to interact not only with the course material, but also with your fellow classmates. We will be using our Bibles to apply what we are learning about study methods, so bring your favorite translation of Scripture (I recommend NASB, ESV, NIV, NKJV) and a way to record your thoughts (pencil, pen, laptop). Handouts of powerpoint presentations and extra paper will be provided for you. You must be present for all 10 hours of instruction in order to receive 1 credit toward the CEU certification program.