

**Board of Ministry
Pacific Conference of
The Evangelical Church
Level 1 Bible Exam**

Reading List:

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth by Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart (Zondervan: Grand Rapids, MI)

¶104 The Holy Scriptures & ¶203 We value the Word of God, from The Discipline of The Evangelical Church

Notes to the Examinee:

- The Evangelical Church is, and has always been, unapologetically committed to the authority of Scripture. Therefore, this is an important exam to let the Board of Ministry know what you believe about the Bible and how to handle the Bible. 2 Timothy 2:15 “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”
- The purpose of this exam is relational, not educational. You have learned or will learn more information about the Bible in other settings such as college, seminary, or PESM. The purpose of this exam is not that you can summarize the information of the book, but so that the Board of Ministry may know you better.
- For clarification sake, this exam is one part of the Level 1 exams in the credentialing process in the Pacific Conference.

Exam Procedure:

1. Read the exam questions on page 2 of this document before you read the book.
2. Read through the selected paragraphs from The Discipline of The Evangelical Church.
3. Read *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*.
4. Complete the Exam questions in full paragraph form.
5. Return your completed exam in Word format.
6. The Board of Ministry examiner will follow up with you.

EXAM QUESTIONS:

1. After reading ¶104 and ¶203 from *The Discipline of The Evangelical Church*, are you in agreement with this stance on the Scriptures? Why?
2. How would you explain the authority of Scripture to a typical person who has questions?
3. What are some practical ways that a pastor can promote and encourage people in the congregation to think about the authority of Scripture?
4. What does it say in *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* about how good exegesis happens, and do you agree or disagree?
5. What is the difference between exegesis and hermeneutics?
6. What Bible translation(s) do you prefer and why?
7. Is there a different approach to interpretation, and then preaching from the various different genres found in the Bible? What are those differences? How can you know the different approaches to interpretation?
8. What was your favorite or most interesting chapter as you read Fee and Stuart's book, *Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, and why?
9. What are three things you learned from this book?
10. What are three questions that you feel might need more thought and study?