



Nipawin Bible College
TH1033 Understanding the Bible (Deacon's Track)
Fall 2022
3 Credit Hours
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The challenge with studying the Bible is to either not do the work that is required to properly interpret and in turn accurately apply it to our lives, or treat it as a text book and lose sight of the fact that it is the LIVING WORD.

The objective of this course will be to learn the necessary steps for discovering what the Scriptures meant to the original audience, interpret that information and then apply it to our time.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

The Bible (a translation, not a paraphrase). Suggested translations are NIV, ESV, NLT, NASB...

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Understand the importance of historical context in determining the meaning of passages in the Bible.
2. Use study tools as well as ask the right questions in determining a passage's meaning.
3. Understand the various genres of Scripture and how they affect one's interpretation.
4. Apply the truths of God's Word accurately.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Mini-assignments - 4 assignments worth 20% each (80% total)

NOTE: All mini-assignments must be a minimum of one page.

1. **Epistle assignment:** The student will choose a Pauline epistle and explain how the context (time/place/culture/author) contributes to the understanding of the letter. Choose from Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, or Colossians.

DUE: October 24, 2022

2. **Epistle assignment:** The student will choose a chapter from one of the Pauline epistles (Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians or Colossians) and explain the reason for the different subsections within the chapter. *NOTE: You will need to use a Bible of where the subsections have already been done.*

DUE: November 14, 2022

3. **Narrative assignment:** The student will be given a story from the Old Testament from which they will need to be prepared to answer a set of questions regarding the context of the story (time, place, culture, etc.).

Due: November 21, 2022

4. **Parable assignment:** The student will choose a parable from the list provided by the instructor and give their interpretation of it based on the principles learned in class.

Due: December 5, 2022

Final Exam - 20%

- Will be written during exam week

Assignments will be due at the **beginning of class** on the date assigned.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2021-2022

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2021-2022

COURSE SCHEDULE

COURSE DATE	COURSE MATERIAL	ASSIGNMENT DUE
Sept. 19	Introduction	
Sept. 26	Epistles – Pt.1	
Oct. 17	Epistles – Pt. 2	
Oct. 24	O.T. Narratives	Epistle Assignment
Oct. 31	N.T. Narratives	
Nov. 14	Parables	Epistle Assignment
Nov.21	Laws/Prophets	Narrative Assignment
Nov. 28	Poetry	
Dec. 5	Revelation	Parable Assignment
Dec. 12	Review/exam prep	
Dec. 14-16 (Exam Week)		Final Exam

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