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## BIB101 Biblical Hermeneutics

### Syllabus Highlights

“Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”

Luke 24:45

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### Course Description

An introduction to the science and art of biblical interpretation, with an emphasis on the historical-grammatical-theological method.

### Learning Outcomes

The primary outcome is to develop the skills to read, understand, and apply Scripture in its various contexts and literary genres. This includes these particulars:

1. To understand the need for and proper methods of faithful biblical interpretation.
2. To understand the relationship between hermeneutics and other theological disciplines.
3. To understand the basic steps involved in writing an exegetical paper.
4. To understand how to move from the basics of biblical hermeneutics to communication of biblical truth.
5. To understand the basic principles of biblical application.

### Textbooks

1. R.C. Sproul, ed., *The Reformation Study Bible: ESV* (Reformation Trust, 2015).
2. *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*
3. William W. Klein, et al., *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Zondervan, 2017).
4. William W. Klein, et al., *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation Workbook: Study Questions, Practical Exercises, and Lab Reports* (Zondervan, 2017).
5. G.K. Beale, *Colossians and Philemon*, BECNT (Baker Academic, 2019).
6. Guy Prentiss Waters, et al., eds., *Covenant Theology: Biblical, Theological, and Historical Perspectives* (Crossway, 2020).
7. Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed. (University of Chicago Press, 2018).

### Course Requirements

1. Attend and participate in class and complete a final exam.
2. Readings of Scripture and secondary literature.
3. Practice methods and tools of biblical interpretation in a workbook.
4. Retain basic understanding of essential concepts through quizzes.
5. Practices exegesis through exegetical projects and write a 4–5-page exegetical paper.

\*This abbreviated syllabus is subject to revision. A full syllabus will be provided on the first day of class.