

SYLLABUS  
Interpreting Scripture  
Virginia District Training Center  
Winter 2019

Location of the Course: Church of the Nazarene, 1107 Monroe Avenue, Front Royal, Virginia 22630

Course Dates: January 12, February 16, March 9, 2019

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#### Course Description

This course introduces to the student the importance of the ability to identify the immediate context, book context, and canonical context of biblical passages and to describe how these contexts shape meaning. Be able to recognize the way genre, form, grammar, sentences, and words express the meaning of specific texts.

#### Course Objective

This course will help the student recognize the importance of contextualizing Scripture for a contemporary audience.

**COURSE SCHEDULE AND OUTLINE**  
 All classes meet Saturdays from 9-5 unless otherwise noted

DATE	CLASS TOPIC	REQUIREMENTS
01/12/19	An introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics Biblical Text, Canon, and translations The history of Interpretation: Inner Biblical and Jewish Interpretation, History of Inter- pretation: Early Christian Period, History of Interpretation: Patristic and Medieval Period	Class attendance Class participation Choose Dyad Begin to Memorize Books of Bible
02/16/19	The History of Interpretation: Reformation And Post-Reformation Period, The History of Interpretation: Modern Period, Inductive Method of Biblical Exegesis, Inductive Method Part 2	Definitions Due Test Dyads Working together
03/9/19	Interpreting the Old Testament Narratives and Law, Interpreting the Wisdom Literature and Psalms, Interpreting the Prophets and Daniel, Interpreting the Gospels and the Book of Acts, Interpreting the Epistles and Revelation	Test on Biblical Books memory OT & NT