

Bible Class Descriptions, 2022-2023

Connecting with the Bible

Teachers: Daniel Varnell and Michael Thress

Credit: 1

Meets: Full year, once weekly (see grid)

Required text: The Bible

Homework - of course, that is how you learn. The deeper you dig the more you will get out of the course.

Description: Ever wonder how the different parts of the Bible fit together? What are the themes that run from beginning to end and what can we say about what is coming in the future based on what God has said and done in the past. For example, salvation through Jesus is found in every Bible book from Genesis to Revelation. The theme of covenants builds and builds throughout the Bible bringing us to the New Covenant. The Bible also talks about new wine, new wineskins, new hearts, new life, new miracles, new beginnings, a new heaven and earth. We'll look at the accuracy of scripture and answer the questions people ask. Did you know there was far more to Jesus' miracles than just the miracle? There is also power in the Bible, in God's word. So how does that work? There are great prayers throughout the Bible. We'll look at the Bible time line. Along the way we'll dig into how to understand the Bible. Who is a passage written to? Is it talking about man's body, soul, or spirit? Do we understand everything - no. But, God has made clear what we need to know. There will be great discussions. You may need to do some digging to answer your own questions and then, if you want, you can share what you find. In the end, you will understand what God is saying through His word. There will be adjustments along the way to be sure the class is a blessing to all who attend.

Biblical Exegeses I: How to Reason & Study the Scriptures- Fundamentals

Teacher: Christine Metzger

Credit: 1

Meets: Full year, once weekly (see grid)

Time expectation: Light. About one to two Bible chapters of reading weekly

Teaching format: In class discussion, instruction, Bible reading, and at home reading

Description: The goal of this class will be to teach the students to intelligently discuss scripture. The homework for this class will be light (about one chapter per week as the reading assignment). We typically cover Romans chapters 1-8, Hebrews, 1 John, and some of Galatians. Each student will be met where they are. For some, it may be their first time delving deeply into the Scriptures, and for others, it may mean becoming equipped to lead a small group Bible study (such as in a dorm). The students will be taught how to reason from the scriptures. The importance of backing up Scripture with Scripture, understanding the context of the passage, and seeing Scripture in light of the whole counsel of God's word will be taught. We will be stressing the importance of leaning on the Lord and asking the Holy Spirit's guidance as we go through God's word both individually and as a group. Since none of us understand God's Word fully, we will stress the importance of how to continue together in studying even when we don't know or don't agree. We will use resources such as concordances and Bible dictionaries.