

BIBLE:**Grade: 9-12****(How to Interpret the Bible and a Study of World Religions and Cults)****Course Description:**

These two semesters are all about growing in our affections for Christ. We will be studying His Word, reading, memorizing, and meditating on His Word, all for the purpose of knowing Him more, loving Him more, and following Him more closely. Specifically, for the first semester, we will be studying *how* to study the Bible, the process of biblical interpretation, or “hermeneutics,” the science and art of studying the Bible. We will learn the basic genres of Scripture, how to study each genre appropriately, and how to apply Scripture to your life so that each student will be able to read, discern, understand, and apply Scripture to their lives for the rest of their lives!

Then, in our second semester, we will apply those rules of biblical interpretation to world religions and cults. We will see how cults twist Scripture and misinterpret the Bible, since we will have studied how to rightly interpret the Bible in the first semester. And we will exam how to lovingly, graciously, and confidently dialogue with other religions from the Word of God and boldly share our faith with others who do not believe in Jesus as the only way, the only truth, and the only life!

Along with class work and homework assignments, there will be reading requirements from a selected list of books that will require written reports.

Course Objectives:

My hope and goal for the students after this 2 semester course is that they will:

- grow in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- deepen their understanding of His precious Word.
- better understand the process of studying the Bible and being able to apply the Truth to their lives.
- better understand the Gospel and how to interact with those who do not believe the true Gospel.
- grow greater love and affection for Jesus as you learn about Him from His Word.

Cost per semester: \$150 (1.5 hours per week)

Min. number of students: 8

Max. number of students: 25

Text: *Bible* (NASB, ESV, or NIV). Additional reading in HTSB is required (see below):

How to Study the Bible, by John MacArthur (HTSB). ISBN: 978-0802453037

(Kindle edition is perfectly fine.)

This is a two-semester course and is worth ten units. A grade will be issued by the instructor at the end of each semester.

Instructor: Patrick Carmichael

Patrick Carmichael graduated from The Master's College in May of 2007 with a B.A. in Biblical Studies and an emphasis in Biblical Exposition. During his years at The Master's College, he had the privilege of being the Junior High Youth Pastor at Shepherd's Community Church. Patrick then attended The Master's Seminary where he received his M. Div. in May of 2010. During his years in seminary, Patrick was the College Pastor at The Bridge Bible Fellowship. After graduating from seminary, Patrick became the Pastor of Student Ministries at The Bridge Bible Fellowship. He currently serves as the Lead Teaching Pastor at Christ Bible Church in North Hills, CA. Patrick went to APS during his 6th and 7th grade years, so he is familiar with the school and is excited to be partnering in ministry with all that God is doing at APS.

Patrick loves teaching God's precious Word and shepherding those around him to treasure Christ above all things. He also enjoys mountain biking, surfing, music and reading. He is married to the love of his life, Hannah, and they have a precious baby girl named Chelsea.

Additional Information

METHODS OF EVALUATION

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| • Mid-Term | 15% |
| • Final | 15% |
| • Bible Memorization Quizzes | 20% |
| • Attendance and Participation | 20% |
| • Reading Assignments | 20% |
| • Homework Assignments | 10% |

TESTS

The two tests will be taken straight from our discussions in class. We will spend time detailing what will be covered on the tests and will spend a few days working together through review questions to prepare for the tests.

BIBLE MEMORIZATION QUIZZES

We will be memorizing various passages pertaining to the topics that we are studying. Memory verse quizzes will be given at the beginning of class.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

I hope that this class gives us a great opportunity to discuss questions, talk about any issues whatsoever, and look to God's Word to find the answers. Therefore, I hope and pray that you will always feel free to ask any questions during class, to interact with your classmates and your teacher, and to think biblically together on a myriad of different issues. I'm looking forward to learning with you as we study the Word together. Make sure you always bring your Bibles and your notebooks to every class.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

During the course of the semester you will be given various homework assignments. Completing them on time and according to the instructions will result in a perfect homework grade. These assignments will be designed to apply what we are learning in class about our Lord and Savior.

SCHEDULE – First Semester (The 2nd semester schedule will be provided in class near the end of the 1st semester)

September

- 4th Introduction to Bible Interpretation
- 11th Transformation through Information
- 18th Truth from the Top-Down
(HTSB: pp. 7-18)
- 25th How Did We Get Our Bibles? (Part 1)
(HTSB: pp. 18-26)

October

- 2nd Interpreting Old Testament Narratives
(HTSB: pp. 26-37)
- 9th Interpreting the Law
(HTSB: pp. 39-46)
- 16th Interpreting the Prophets
(HTSB: pp. 46-57)
- 23rd Review for Mid-Term
- 30th MID-TERM

November

- 6th Interpreting the Psalms
(HTSB: pp. 57-71)
- 13th Interpreting Proverbs and the Wisdom Books
(HTSB: pp. 73-84)
- 20th Interpreting the Gospels
(HTSB: pp. 84-95)
- 27th OFF FOR THANKSGIVING

December

- 4th Interpreting the Acts of the Apostles
(HTSB: pp. 105-115)
- 11th Interpreting the Epistles
(HTSB: pp. 115-133)
- 18th Interpreting the Book of Revelation
(HTSB: pp. 133-140)
- 25th OFF FOR CHRISTMAS

January

- 1st OFF FOR NEW YEAR'S
- 8th Conclusion of Biblical Interpretation
- 15th Review for Final
- 22nd FINAL

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