



The Orlando Institute

Equipping Leaders to Disciple the Nations

BL 100 Bible Study Methods

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SYLLABUS

- I. This course is designed to give the student the basic knowledge and skills needed to determine the meaning of a passage of Scripture and to apply it in contemporary contexts.

By the end of this course the student will be able to:

1. Use all the principles which have been studied with confidence.
2. Interpret the meaning of a given passage of Scripture.
3. Apply that meaning in a contemporary context.
4. Have a greater desire and confidence to study the Word

II. COURSE TEXTS

A. Required Texts

The Bible (NASB is recommended)

Hendricks, H.G. & Hendricks, W.D. *Living by the Book*. Moody Press. 1991.

B. Other Basic Study Texts Needed for the Course:

1. A Study Bible with extensive marginal references and maps
2. A good Bible Dictionary
3. A good Bible Atlas
4. A good Bible Encyclopedia (eg. Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible)

C. Recommended Supplementary Reading

McQuilkin, J. Robertson. *How to Understand and Apply the Bible (rev)*. Columbia, SC: Columbia Bible College.

Ramm, Bernard. *Protestant Biblical Interpretation (third revised edition)*. Grand Rapids: Baker.

Sterrett, T. Norton. *How to Understand Your Bible*. Downers Grove: IVP.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Procedure

Complete the assigned reading and study guides.

Complete the assignments and hand them in on time.

B. Course Grade

1. Your final grade will be based upon the combined scores from the following:

Completion of the reading and study guides: 25%

Completion of the weekly assignments: 50%

Final Exam: 25%

2. The final exam will be an interpretation of a passage utilizing all the principles taught in the class.

IV. COURSE OUTLINE AND ASSIGNMENTS

Some of these sessions take two weeks to cover adequately

Date	Instruction	Application	Homework
	Class Introduction	Read a book, write purpose, rough sketch outline	Read: Book Chart Purpose statement Read LBB 2-3
	The Flow of Bible Study	Genre, setting, audience	Read LBB 4-5
	Observation: Two things to look for	Practice two things	Write observations from Passage Chart Read LBB 6-7
	Two more things to look for	Practice two things	
	Two more things to look for	Practice two things	Read LBB 8-10
	Word Studies	Practice word study	Three word studies
	Applying Grammar	Begin structured layout	Structure layout Read LBB 11-14
	Correlation Studies	Practice structure layout	Read LBB 15-18
	Principles of Interpretation I	Practice	Interpret passage Read LBB 19-24
	Principles of Interpretation II	Practice	Read LBB 25-30
	Which Audience	Practice determining audience	Apply passage Read LBB 31-39
	Which Response	Practice determining response	
	In class student presentations		
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Final Exam			