

# Sunday Night Study - Syllabus

2010-2012

The purposes of the Sunday Night Study are to impart to the believer a practical in-depth knowledge of Scripture and to equip him or her with tools useful for a process of life long learning, application, and discipleship.

## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

### 1. **Bibliology** (Fall 2010 through Spring 2011)

Goal: To understand the cohesive Biblical narrative as to its scope, message, and personal implications

- History and background of Scripture
- Survey and synopsis of each canonical book with regard to message, authorship, date, theme(s), recipient(s), and contribution to the canon of Scripture
- The Bible as literature

### 2. **Exegesis** (Fall 2011)

Goal: To understand and develop a process of personal exegesis.

- Familiarization with original languages of the Bible: Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic
- Familiarization with tools for exegesis (i.e. lexicons, interlinears, concordances, commentaries, online references)
- Exegesis and hermeneutics

### 3. **Theology** (Winter 2012)

Goal: To understand basic Christian doctrine and theology

- Examination of the Evangelical Free Church of America statement of faith (2008) and a study of the associated theology and doctrine

### 4. **Church History** (Spring 2012)

Goal: To understand God's movement in history through the Church

- Survey of church history from Acts forward
- Ecumenical councils, canon, creeds
- Pivotal points of church history, seeds of reformation, missions movements
- Evangelical Free Church history
- Current trends in the church
- Future church history

## **COURSE OUTLINE: 2010—2011**

### **September**

- 12 Introduction to course, introduction to Bible, introduction to Old Testament
- 19 Genesis
- 26 No class: Family Camp

### **October**

- 3 Exodus
- 10 Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- 17 Joshua, Judges, Ruth
- 24 1,2, Samuel, 1,2 Kings, 1,2 Chronicles
- 31 Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

### **November**

- 7 Job, Psalms, Proverbs
- 14 Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs
- 21 No class: Mexico Missions Trip
- 28 No class: Thanksgiving

### **December**

- 5 Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel
- 12 Catch up day
- 19 No class: Incarnation Break
- 29 No class: Incarnation Break

### **January**

- 2 No class: New Years
- 9 Daniel
- 16 Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah
- 23 Jonah Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk
- 30 Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

### **February**

- 6 Super Bowl Break
- 13 Intertestamental period, Introduction to the New Testament
- 20 No class: Presidents Week Break
- 27 No class: Presidents Week Break

## **COURSE OUTLINE: 2010—2011 (cont.)**

### **March**

- 6** Introduction to Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke
- 13** John, Acts
- 20** Romans
- 27** 1,2 Corinthians, 1,2 Thessalonians

### **April**

- 3** Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians
- 10** 1,2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
- 17** No class: Resurrection Break
- 24** No class: Resurrection Break, Mexico Missions Trip

### **May**

- 1** Hebrews, James, 1,2, Peter
- 8** No class: Mother's Day
- 15** 1,2,3 John, Jude
- 22** Revelation
- 29** No class: Memorial Weekend Break

## **COURSE OUTLINE: 2011—2012**

### **September**

- 11 Exegesis Class 01: Introduction to course, Introduction to Hebrew / Portable Seminary chapter 2 (pages 49-60)
- 18 Exegesis Class 02: Introduction to Greek / Portable Seminary chapter 2 (pages 60-68)
- 25 No class: Creekside Fall Retreat

### **October**

- 2 Exegesis Class 03: Hermeneutics, Principles of Interpretation, Tools (internet) / Portable Seminary chapter 3
- 9 Theology Class 01: Introduction to Theology, Prolegomena, Theology Proper, EFCA Statement of Faith: Article One / Portable Seminary chapter 4, Bible Doctrine chapters 4-7
- 16 Theology Class 02: Prolegomena & Theology Proper - papers
- 23 Theology Class 03: Bibliology - papers / EFCA Statement of Faith: Article Two, Portable Seminary chapter 1, Bible Doctrine chapters 1-3
- 30 Theology Class 04: Anthropology & Hamartiology - papers / EFCA Statement of Faith: Article Three, Portable Seminary chapter 7, Bible Doctrine chapters 11-13

### **November**

- 6 Theology Class 05: Christology - papers / EFCA Statement of Faith: Article Four, Portable Seminary chapter 5, Bible Doctrine chapters 14-16
- 13 Theology Class 06: Soteriology - papers / EFCA Statement of Faith: Article Five, Portable Seminary chapter 8, Bible Doctrine chapters 17-24
- 20 No class: Thanksgiving & Mexico Ministry Trip
- 27 No class: Thanksgiving

### **December**

- 4 Theology Class 07: Pneumatology - papers / EFCA Statement of Faith: Article Six, Portable Seminary chapter 6, Bible Doctrine chapters 8-10,29,30
- 11 Theology Class 08: Ecclesiology & Ordinances - papers / EFCA Statement of Faith: Article Seven, Portable Seminary chapter 9 (pages 182-191), Bible Doctrine chapter 26
- 18 No class: Incarnation Break
- 25 No class: Incarnation Break

### **January**

- 1 No class: New Years
- 8 No class: Church Board Retreat
- 15 Theology Class 09: Missiology & Justification, Sanctification, Glorification - papers / EFCA Statement of Faith: Article Eight, Portable Seminary chapter 9 (page 191), chapter 23
- 22 Theology Class 10: Doctrine & Ethics - papers / Portable Seminary chapter 25 (pages 610-627)
- 29 Theology Class 11: Doctrine & Ethics - papers / Portable Seminary chapter 25 (pages 627-638)

## **COURSE OUTLINE: 2011—2012 (cont.)**

### **February**

- 5 Super Bowl Break
- 12 Theology Class 12: Eschatology & Immanency - papers / EFCA Statement of Faith: Article Nine, Portable Seminary chapter 10, Bible Doctrine chapters 31,32
- 19 No class: Presidents Week Break
- 26 Theology Class 13: Eschatology & Judgment, Reward, Eternal Destiny - papers / EFCA Statement of Faith: Article Ten, Portable Seminary chapters 56,57, Bible Doctrine chapters 25,34

### **March**

- 4 Church History Class 01: The First 100 Years - Transformation from a Jewish sect to a world-wide movement / Portable Seminary chapter 18
- 11 Church History Class 02: 60-300 - The Church Fathers, Persecution & Empire, Heresies
- 18 Church History Class 03: 300-500 - Constantine, Councils, & Creeds
- 25 Church History Class 04: 500-1100 - Power Plays & The Divided Church / Portable Seminary chapter 19 (pages 444-458)

### **April**

- 1 No class: Palm Sunday
- 8 No class: Resurrection Sunday
- 15 Church History Class 05: 1000-1500 - Decline of the Church, The Great Schism, Seeds of Reformation / Portable Seminary chapter 19 (pages 458-469)
- 22 Church History Class 06: 1500-1750 - Reformation / Portable Seminary chapter 20 (pages 471-482)
- 29 Church History Class 07: 1500-1750 - The English Reformation, Awakenings, Azusa Street Revival / Portable Seminary chapter 20 (pages 482-497)

### **May**

- 6 Church History Class 08: 1700-1950 - EFC Roots, The Missions Movement / Portable Seminary chapter 21
- 13 No class: Mother's Day
- 20 Church History Class 09: 1950 to eternity - Current movements in Church ministry / Portable Seminary chapter 22 (Class Party?)
- 27 No class: Memorial Weekend Break

### **June**

- 3 Graduation Sunday - Certificates handed out in Service of Worship

## **Requirements**

- **Attendance**: A reasonable commitment to be at every class session is important.
- **Participation**: You get out of this what you put into this.
- **Read Ahead**: During our study of Bibliology (2010-2011) the expectation is that you will read ahead in the section of Scripture we will be looking at in the next class session as well as in Halley's Bible Handbook. Since this will require a significant amount of reading emphasis should be on overall familiarization with the Biblical text and preparation of your Book Synopsis. During our study of Exegesis, Theology, and Church History (2011-2012) the expectation is that you will read ahead in the sections of the text book(s) covering the subject matter we will be looking at in the next class session.
- **Book Synopsis**: It will be really, really, helpful (i.e. very important) to have completed the Book Synopsis form prior to class and to come prepared to discuss your answers.
- **Theology Papers**: It will be really, really, helpful (i.e. very important) to have completed the your own theology summary prior to class and to come prepared to discuss your understanding of each doctrine.
- **Notebook**: It is strongly suggested that you purchase a 1" Notebook Binder with a 5 tab divider. This notebook will help you to keep the course syllabus, your Book Synopsis, the handouts/supplemental information of the four sections of the class (Bibliology, Exegesis, Theology, Church History), and your theology summaries.

## **Text Books and Resources**

Gromacki, Robert C. *New Testament Survey*, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Baker Book House, 1978

Grudem, Wayne. *Bible Doctrine: Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith*, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Zondervan Publishing House, 1999

Gundry, Robert H. *A Survey Of The New Testament*, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Zondervan Publishing House, 1970

Halley, Henry H. *Halley's Bible Handbook*, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Zondervan Publishing House

Horton, David, General Editor. *The Portable Seminary*, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Bethany House Publishers, 2006

*Nelson's Quick Reference - Bible Maps And Charts*, Nashville, Tennessee; Thomas Nelson, Inc., 1994

God, The Bible - preferable versions: New American Standard, New International Version, English Standard Version, Revised Standard Version

A good concordance will also be helpful. One which is keyed to the translation you will be reading/studying from.

Some good online resources:

<http://bible.org/>

<http://net.bible.org/home.php>

<http://www.biblos.com/>

<http://www.hebrew4christians.com>