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TITLE: Bible Study in the Church

TERM: Fall 2025-2026

PROFESSORS: Kimberly Russaw

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: 15
AUDITORS:

UNLIMITED
NO AUDITORS X

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to help students prepare to teach the Bible at the congregational level, whether that be in focused Bible studies or more thematic courses. The focus is adult education, but the material will be helpful for youth ministry as well. Course content addresses three particular areas: (1) theological exploration of hermeneutics and the nature of Scripture; (2) reflection on the role and posture of the teacher and the pros and cons of various pedagogical strategies; (3) practice designing and implementing Bible studies appropriate to diverse and specific settings.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

- (1) better understand the complexity of hermeneutics and be able to articulate how one views the nature and purpose of Biblical study in their ecclesial context;
- (2) be able to provide the theological rationale for one's leadership posture and pedagogical approach to Biblical study;
- (3) have confidence designing and implementing Bible studies that befit one's ecclesial context.

PREREQUISITES:

Two of the following (exceptions possible with instructor permission):

NT110
NT120
OT110
OT120

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

Bruce, Barbara. *7 Ways of Teaching the Bible to Adults: Using Our Multiple Intelligences to Build Faith*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2000; ISBN: 978-0687090846, \$11.15.

Merriam, Sharon B. *Adult Learning: Linking Theory and Practice*. Hoboken, New Jersey: Jossey-Boss, 2013; ISBN: 978-1118130575, \$38.60.

Oredein, Oluwatomisin Olayinka, Lakisha Lockhart-Rusch, and Cláudio Carvalhaes, eds. *Theopoetics in Color: Embodied Approaches in Theological Discourse*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2024, ISBN: 978-0802880185, \$20.10.

An NRSV or NRSVue Bible

Other readings provided in Canvas

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

Difficulty Text assignment | Teaching assignment | Lesson Plan assignment | Writing assignments | Resource Assessment assignment

ATTENDANCE: Required.