



Raleigh

Executive Training Institute

COURSE PROSPECTUS: BTI5100 Hermeneutics

PROFESSOR: Daniel L. Akin

OVERVIEW

An introduction to the basic principles of biblical interpretation and hermeneutical procedures.

OBJECTIVES

- Explain the role of the author, text, and reader in the interpretive process and defend the position of the author as the determiner of meaning.
- Display competence in applying basic rules that govern the interpretation of different genres in determining the meaning of a text.
- Develop the main idea of a text and, based on the structure and meaning of the text, develop a sermon/teaching outline.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Spiritual Formation: Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue an authentically Christian way of life, manifested by trust in God, obedience to Christ's commands, and love of God and neighbor.

Biblical Exposition: Demonstrate the ability to properly and effectively interpret, apply, and communicate the Scriptures.

Theological Integration: Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply the doctrines of Christianity to life and ministry.

Ministry Preparation: Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and Christian disposition necessary for ministry and leadership in the church and the world.

Critical Thinking and Communication: Demonstrate the ability to think critically, argue persuasively, and communicate clearly.

REQUIREMENTS

Weekly Meetings

Participants will meet with the professor from 5:45-7:00 pm on the following dates:

January 28	February 11	February 25
February 4	February 18	March 3

Meeting Location:

Crenshaw Consulting Engineering
3516 Bush Street
Raleigh, NC 27609

Online Lectures

Participants will watch three 20-minute online lectures per week. All lectures must be viewed in their entirety.

Week 1:	<u>Foundation</u> : How Do I Get Started?
Week 2:	<u>Observation</u> : What Do I See?
Week 3:	<u>Interpretation</u> : What Does it Mean?
Week 4:	<u>Application</u> : How Does it Work in Real Life?
Week 5:	<u>Organization</u> : How Do I Put it All Together?
Week 6:	<u>Proclamation</u> : How Do I Communicate Effectively?

Class Lectures

Week 1:	The Bible: God's Amazing Book	
Week 2:	Observation Workshop	Ephesians 2:1–10
Week 3:	Interpretation Workshop	Colossians 3:18–21
Week 4:	Application Workshop	3 John
Week 5:	Organization Workshop	Luke 4:1–13
Week 6:	Christocentric Hermeneutics	Genesis 22:1–19

Reading Assignments

The required textbook is:

Robert L. Plummer. *40 Questions About Interpreting The Bible*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2010.

Week 1:	Chapters 1–7
Week 2:	Chapters 8–13

- Week 3: Chapters 14–20
Week 4: Chapters 21–27
Week 5: Chapters 28–35
Week 6: Chapters 36–40

Writing Assignment

The final assignment will be a culmination of the key steps learned in the course. Using Philippians 2:1–11, students will complete the steps outlined below. The document should be typed, 12 point, Times New Roman, single spaced.

- Title: Main Idea of the Text
- Observations (1 page) – list 20+ observations
- Interpretations (1 page) – list the significant interpretive issues (historical-cultural, syntactical, grammatical, and theological)
- 5 Key Questions (1 page) – answer the five bridge questions (What does this text say about God? What does this text teach me about fallen humanity? How does it point to Christ? What does God want me to know? What does God want me to do?)
- Applications (1 page) – identify 3–5 specific applications
- Teaching Outline (1 page) – outline the text as you would plan to teach it

Submit the assignment to the professor by hand on the last day of class (February 26) or by email no later than March 4.

Course Grading

The grade for the course will be determined as follows:

Attendance	33%
Class Participation	33%
Final Writing Assignment	34%

The professor's grading scale is as follows:

A – 95-100
B – 87-94
C – 77-86
D – 70-76
F – 0-69

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