



IMPACT U

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First Year Program

Mission Statement:

Equipping Christians for Effective Living and Kingdom Building

Course Syllabus

Bible Interpretation & Hermeneutics

Semester: Spring 2018

Course Location: In-Class

All students are required to read and have a thorough understanding of the syllabus. Any questions of concerns need to be addressed by the instructor.

Section I – Overview

Your instructor for this course:

Instructor: Jordy Smith

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Course description:

Bible Interpretation & Hermeneutics equips believers with the knowledge and tools they need to understand and study the Bible for themselves.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students will:

- Understand what the Bible is
- Know how the Bible was put together
- Understand the purpose of various Bible translations
- Know how to study and interpret the Scriptures for themselves
- Understand why the books of the Bible were written
- Understand the roll God's covenants play in reading the Bible

Program Goals:

This course contributes to the fulfillment of the following program goals:

1. First Year Certificate in Faith Studies
2. Second Year Certificate in Christian Leadership
3. Third Year Certificate in advanced Biblical Studies

Section II – Course Requirements

In order to succeed in this course, you will need to fully understand the following:

1. **Attendance and Participation:** Consistently attend and participate in the class. Your attendance and participation are important means for the instructor to assess your skills, quality of thought, and growth as a student.
2. **Assignments:** Pay close and timely attention to reading assignments and other assigned work. You are responsible for finishing assigned readings, and completing other projects and assignments by the date assigned by the instructor. All late assignments are penalized as described under the section “**Late Assignments.**”
3. **Writing:** All papers and essays must fall in line with the following format: Times New Roman font, 12 point size font, double spaced, and must include a title, students name, date, and a list of references used throughout the paper. An example is included in this syllabus.

Section III – Policies and Procedures

Submission of Assignments:

All written assignments (unless otherwise instructed) for this course should be submitted via email to the school administrator at jordy@impactingcanada.ca. All papers should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document (.doc). When saving your document, the file name should include your name and assignment, in that order – for example, “John Smith, The Spirit of Faith Book Report.” When sending your assignment, include your name and the assignment name in the email subject line. This makes it easier for your instructor to track your work.

Lateness Policy:

All assignments are to be turned in on time. If at all possible, students must try and contact the instructor or school administrator in advanced of the scheduled due date when an assignment will be late. The faculty member reserves the right to waive the lateness penalty when extenuating circumstances arise, but only when the student has communicated in writing with the faculty. Failure to turn in an assignment on the scheduled date will result in a **10%** reduction in grade of the assignment. No assignment will be accepted **ten days** after the assignment is due.

Emailing Your Instructor:

The subject line of all e-mail messages related to this course should include the course name and the name of the student (For example, SUBJECT: Effective Prayer, John Smith). Following these directions enables the instructor to identify the student and course, helping them respond quicker. Students should always include their first and last name at the end of all e-mail messages.

Attendance and Participation Policy:

At Impact U, class attendance, understood as the act of being present, is considered separate from participating in class. Attendance alone does not guarantee learning, engagement with the class through participation in discussions, and by asking/answering questions benefits all students in the class.

Attendance is tracked weekly. Instructors determine at what level a student is participating according to their discretion. Work turned in late can also result in the loss of participation marks.

School Withdrawal:

Students who have not attended a class, will, at the end of the second week of the course - in accordance with regular educational practice - be assumed to have unofficially dropped and will be dropped from that course.

Impact U Honour Code:

Students are on their honour to complete assignments with honesty and integrity. Academic dishonesty involves intentionally, or unintentionally stealing the intellectual property of others. Avoid plagiarism by correctly crediting the source of information that is not your own.

Section IV – Schedule and Evaluation

Course Schedule:

Week One: Wednesday, Feb 7

- What is the Bible?
- How was the Bible put Together?

Week Two: Wednesday, Feb 14

- How do we Interpret Scripture Today?
- When was the Bible Written/When did it Take Place?
- Who wrote the Bible?

Week Three: Wednesday, Feb 21

- Who was the Bible Written To?

Week Four: Wednesday, Feb 28

- Who was the Bible Written To? (Cont'd)
- Why was the Bible Written?
- Read: Parts 1 & 2 (chapters 1-15) from *Understanding the Whole Bible* by Dr. Jonathan Welton
- Quiz
- Due: Two page essay describing a scripture you once understood one way, but now understand a different way and why.

Method of Evaluation:

The final grade for this course will reflect an understanding of the course content and quality of thought as expressed in:

1. Attendance: **15%** of final grade.
2. Participation: **15%** of final grade.
3. Reading Assignment: **15%** of final grade.
 - a. You will be asked at the end of the course whether or not you completed the reading assignment as given to you. You will indicate whether or not you completed the readings based on the honour system.
4. Quizzes: **25%** of final grade.
5. Essay: **30%** of final grade.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT FORMAT EXAMPLE

John Smith – Name goes first on the top left

Pastor Joseph Anderson – Instructor's name

In Christ Realities and The Authority of the Believer – Course name

12th October 2017 – Date

The Authority of the Believer - Title

August 2016 was the date I received knowledge of the authority of the believer. I had been saved in October 2013, apart from knowing God had saved me, I didn't know much else about Jesus, and really didn't have a deep relationship with Him. I didn't know there was anything else. In March 2016, my daughter was born. I suffered with severe post-partum anxiety and OCD's, I was almost disabled by fear. I had been looking through the TV channels one day, when I came across Andrew Wommack Ministries. It only took one or two episodes for me to understand that God did not want me to suffer, God actually wanted me to be well! I had heard so much false religious doctrine, that it filled my head with falsities such as "God is trying to teach you something" and "everything happens for a reason". Once I knew this was all completely untrue according to the word, I understood that God did not want me to have OCD's and anxieties anymore. I didn't even have to pray about it -that knowledge and truth quickly sunk into my spirit and I realized I had the authority to cast out that mental sickness. I told the anxieties and OCD's to leave in Jesus name. The next morning, I woke, completely healed and free. We did not want to feed our spirits any more lies so found a Word of Faith Church. Understanding my authority as a believer has been an amazing journey over this past year, and this course has cemented what I already knew plus it has given me so much more wisdom – a firm foundation.

One of the most interesting things I learned on this course is that God gave all authority on Earth to Adam, ‘Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.’ (Genesis 1:26 NLT). When Adam chose to be tempted by the devil, and go against God’s instruction, he handed all authority to Satan. Satan then became the ruler of the world - the world became broken. God will never lie, and His word is truth; He will never go back on His word. So, God couldn’t simply come back to the Earth and take authority, because He had already given it to man. God loves us so much that He didn’t want heaven without us. Therefore, He had to send His one and only son, Jesus, down to earth to reconcile us. Jesus was born onto the earth as a human. He had human needs and was tempted by the devil. He, however, was completely righteous – he never sinned. He had to come to Earth as the Son of Man, as God had no authority on the Earth (God had already given authority to Adam who gave it to Satan). Even the demons mocked Jesus, saying “What do you want with us, Son of God? They shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?” (Matthew 8:29 NIV). The demons knew that God had no authority to cast them out. However, as He was operating as the Son of Man, He was able to exercise that authority and successfully cast the demons out. I had never really completely understood why God had to be made flesh. Now it is clear that God had to become flesh in order to gain legal entry back to the Earth.

In Genesis, God said the Heavens and the Earth were finished, but He didn’t say mankind was finished, because mankind wasn’t finished and perfect, as Jesus was yet to come. This verse is taken from the bible when Jesus was crucified, ‘When Jesus had tasted it, He said “It is finished!” Then He bowed His head and gave up His spirit’. (John 19:30). This shows that

mankind is now finished and perfect because Jesus reconciled us back to God. By confessing Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, and being born again, we are now righteous, sinless and blameless, and once again have authority on this earth.

The authority we have is based on our relationship with God. Because we are in fellowship with Jesus, we have power and authority on this earth. Nothing can stand against us, when we agree with God's will. God is good, and promises only good things to us. There are so many promises in the bible. When you have a relationship, these promises come alive. They're no longer simply words on a page, but a truth that is known at the core of the spirit. I understand that I have a responsibility to believe I have received the things I desire, and it's God's responsibility to see that I have them. Meditating on the word, praying in spirit and worshiping God, are all ways in which I feed my spirit, and am able to understand the right to use this power in my life.

Here is another scripture that talks of authority. "Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you." (Luke 10:19 NIV). This is so important for me to know, whenever I need for things to come into fruition in my life, this is an important verse for me. It reminds me that God has given us authority over *all* the power of the enemy. Regardless of what the enemy throws at us, we know we are safe in the knowledge that he has no right in our life. When we claim our authority, we are able to walk in God's blessings with no fear. The enemy has no right to me or my household. "Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as He delighted in

your ancestors,' (Deuteronomy 30:9 NIV). We will prosper in all things because that is what God has promised.

This course has fed my spirit, and shed light on so many truths about the authority of the believer. Jesus paid the ultimate price for our sins. He became sin for us, and went to the grave for three days before He was resurrected. Jesus rectified what Adam did, and now we, as believers are righteous and without sin. Authority has been returned to us. As believers, we have complete authority according to God's will. Amen.

References

Healing Journeys by Andrew Wommack Ministries: broadcast on TV Aug 1st 2016

Book or Article Title in Italics by author's name in regular type.

(List references in alphabetical order by title name)

*paper is double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font.

