



Bible Study for Women CEWM 5169

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The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Purpose of the Course

The purpose of this course is to provide specialized training in personal Bible study and Bible teaching.

Core Value Focus

Each academic year, a core value is emphasized. This academic year, the core value is *Mission Focus*. "We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries."

Curriculum Competencies Addressed

This course will address the following curriculum competencies:

1. *Biblical Exposition*: The student will improve Bible study and teaching skills for use in Women's Ministry.
2. *Christian Theological Heritage*: The student will explore biblical, theological and historical background for women's ministry.
3. *Disciple Making*: The student will develop spiritually in knowledge of the Bible.
4. *Interpersonal Skills*: The student will improve interpersonal communication skills.
5. *Servant Leadership*: The student will understand how to lead other women into a clearer knowledge of Bible study strategies.

6. *Spiritual and Character Formation:* The student will grow spiritually and personally in understanding of the Bible and its relevance to life.
7. *Worship Leadership:* The student will increase skills for leading women's Bible studies.

Course Description

This course is designed to develop personal Bible study strategies and group Bible study programs in order to increase knowledge and application of God's Word.

Student Learning Outcomes

By completion of this course, each student should be able to accomplish the following:

1. Explore the role of personal Bible study in her own life.
2. Understand how to study the Bible for herself.
3. Learn how to lead others in Bible study.
4. Develop a Bible study for women.
5. Implement strategies for training women to lead Bible studies.

Required Readings

The following texts and resources are required reading for class discussions and are to be read in their entirety unless otherwise specified.

1. Hendricks, Howard G. and William D. Hendricks. *Living By the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible (revised and updated)*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2007. ISBN: 0802408230
2. Fee, Gordon D. and Douglas Stuart. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2003. ISBN: 0310246040

Course Teaching Methodology

Units of Study. Topics will include:

1. Background of the Bible
2. Studying the Bible
 - a. Observation
 - b. Interpretation
 - c. Application
3. Organizing a Bible Study
 - a. Format
 - b. Setting
 - c. Leadership Selection
 - d. Leadership Training
4. Teaching the Bible

5. Bible Study Resources
6. Conclusion and Commitment

Teaching Method. This course will utilize lecture and interactive discovery-learning and will be team-taught. The student should expect different presentation formats to enhance the learning motif.

Assignments and Evaluation Criteria

1. Students will attend class as stated in the graduate catalog.
2. Students will participate in class discussion and attend an extra class session for discussion and dialogue with graduate students.
3. Students will read the assigned textbooks and provide a written statement of completion due four weeks following the class.
4. Students will develop a specific Bible study which can be taught to women then summarize it in a report due four weeks following the class.

Bible Study Report

Students will write a Bible Study report to be implemented. The report should include the following section headings:

- Purpose of the Bible Study
- Format for the Bible Study
- Resources for the Bible Study
- Leadership of the Bible Study
- Publicity of the Bible Study
- Follow up of the Bible Study

The report should be ten to fifteen pages, typed double spaced following *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate Turabian, published by University of Chicago Press. Pray that the Lord will give you an opportunity to implement this Bible study with the women of your church.

5. Students will complete a take-home final examination due four weeks following the class.

The reading statement, report and final exam should be mailed to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or emailed to rkelley@nobts.edu.

Course Evaluation

This course will follow the grading system for the Graduate School:

A = 93-100	¼ = Class Attendance/Class Participation
B = 85-92	¼ = Textbook Reading
C = 77-84	¼ = Bible Study Report
D = 70-76	¼ = Take Home Final Examination
F = Below 70	

Course Policies

The student will be expected to have access to online resources to download teaching and presentation documents in the Seminary's BlackBoard system.

Students who choose to present assignments via electronic mediums need to present those documents in a Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format. WordPerfect and PDF files will not be accepted for grade via electronic format.

The absence policy of the Seminary will be strictly enforced. For a 3-hour course, the student may miss no more than 9 hours of instruction. Examinations and case studies will be given and graded on the days announced. The concept of a make-up examination does not exist.

Course Schedule

First Day

Monday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Welcome/Orientation/Registration
Mixer/Introductions
The Bible
Studying the Bible (Observation)

Monday 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Directed Quiet Time
Studying the Bible (Interpretation)
Studying the Bible (Application)

Second Day

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Praise and Worship
Organizing a Bible Study (Format)
Organizing a Bible Study (Setting)

Tuesday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Organizing a Bible Study (Leadership, Selection)
Organizing a Bible Study (Leadership, Training)

Third Day

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Prayertime
Teaching the Bible
Bible Study Resources
Closing Commitment

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Precept Ministries International	www.precept.org
Bible Gateway	www.bible.gospelcom.net
Bible Study Tools on Crosswalk.com	www.bible.crosswalk.com
Woman's Missionary Union	www.wmu.com
Back to the Bible	www.backtothebible.org
Online Bible	www.bible.com
Women's Evangelism	www.namb.net/heartcall
Bible Study Tools	www.biblestudytools.net
Bible Studies - Women	www.biblicallyinept.com
Bible Study Fellowship	www.bsfiinternational.org
Blue Letter Bible	www.blueletterbible.org
Broadman Holman Publishers	www.broadmanholman.com