



## **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.*

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### **Purpose of the Course**

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

### **Core Value Focus**

This seminary has five core values. The core value focus for 2016-2017 is Characteristic Excellence. This course supports the five core values of the seminary.

*Characteristic Excellence:* What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **Curriculum Competencies Addressed**

NOBTS faculty members realize that all ministers need to develop specific competencies if they are going to have an effective ministry. To increase the likelihood of NOBTS graduates having an effective ministry, the faculty developed a competency-based curriculum after identifying seven essential competencies necessary for effective ministry. All graduates are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in all of the following seven areas:

*Biblical Exposition:* To interpret and communicate the Bible accurately.

*Christian Theological Heritage:* To understand and interpret Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church.

*Disciple Making:* To stimulate church health through mobilizing the church for missions, evangelism, discipleship, and church growth.

*Interpersonal Skills:* To perform pastoral care effectively, with skills in communication and conflict management.

*Servant Leadership:* To serve churches effectively through team ministry.

*Spiritual and Character Formation:* To provide moral leadership by modeling and mentoring Christian character and devotion.

The curriculum competencies addressing in this course are: Bible Exposition, Disciple Making, and Spiritual and Character Formation.

### **Course Catalog 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 the completion of the course, each student will be able to:

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.

### **Textbooks**

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

#### **Required Texts**

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 Requirements**

1. **Attend class.** The course is divided into 8 one-week units. Each week's unit will have a variety of in-class content items, typically consisting of a video lecture and a slide show. Class attendance is based on a self-reported percentage of content completed. **The student will provide a written statement of the percentage of completion of all in-class content items, due four weeks after completing the last week of class.**

2. **Participate in class discussion.** Participation is determined by postings and responses in the Threaded Discussions held each week. These discussions will be related to the material covered in each week's content. **All students are required to post a minimum of three responses in the discussion each week: one in answer to the presenting questions, and two in response to classmates' postings.** In order for the threaded discussion to be of maximum benefit to everyone involved it is recommended that you stay as close to the course schedule as possible—so that everyone will participate in the discussion in the same week. **Late postings will be penalized one point for each day late.** Please limit discussions in this venue to the assigned topic. Students may email or use the miscellaneous forum to discuss other topics with your classmates.
3. **Read assigned textbooks and other reading assignments.** Reading assignments will include readings from the textbooks, Scripture, and other sources. The student will provide a written statement of completion of all reading assignments, due four weeks after completing the last week of class.
4. **Write a report about a specific Bible study program** as described below. 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. Send by mail to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or by e-mail as an attachment (in Word Perfect or Microsoft Word) within two weeks after completing the last week of class. Pray that the Lord will give you an opportunity to implement this Bible study with the women of your church.

5. **Complete a take home final examination.** The final exam will be posted on Blackboard under "Course Documents". Once you have completed the final exam mail it to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or send it by e-mail to [rkelly@nobts.edu](mailto:rkelly@nobts.edu) as an attachment (in Word Perfect or Microsoft Word) within four weeks after completing the last week of class.

The completion statement of class participation, reading statement, and report should be sent to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, N.O.B.T.S., 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or emailed to [rkelly@nobts.edu](mailto:rkelly@nobts.edu) no later than four weeks after completing the last week of class. Requirements must be received by the end of each semester or the student will receive a course grade of an "F".

## **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 = Final Examination
F = Below 70	

## **Course Policies**

### **Reading Assignments**

Students are responsible for completing all reading assignments.

### **Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"**

This is the official NOBTS Writing Center online help site for writing academic papers and essays. <http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html> You will discover writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help you become a better writer. Go here for Turabian and APA style helps and guidelines. You will also find language fonts for Greek and Hebrew.

### **Academic Honesty Policy**

All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

### **Plagiarism on Written Assignments**

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Please be aware that plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. Refer to the NOBTS Student Handbook [http://www.nobts.edu/\\_resources/pdf/studentservices/NOBTSHandboko.pdf](http://www.nobts.edu/_resources/pdf/studentservices/NOBTSHandboko.pdf) where the definition, penalties and policies associated with plagiarism are clearly defined.

### **Classroom Parameters**

Please arrive on time.  
Turn off cell phones. Utilize laptops and other technology for class purposes only.  
Respect the professor and other members of the class.  
Maintain confidentiality when someone shares personal information.  
Participate in class and group discussions.

### **Extra Credit**

The policy for extra credit in this course is made in collaboration with the professor.

### **Blackboard and ITC Technical Support**

Blackboard is the instructional platform used in this class. Please make sure that your contact information is accurate and up-to-date. If you need assistance, please contact the

Information Technology Center (Hardin Student Center 290 or call **504.816.8180**). Here are other helpful links to ITC assistance. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support request for help with the site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.) [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard System. For Student Assistance in using Blackboard, visit: [Student Bb Help](#). [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - for general technical questions/support requests. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

### **Academic Policies**

Academic policies relate to absences, grading scale, final examination schedules, and other topics can be found in the current online catalog: [New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Graduate Catalog](#).

### **Policy for Graduating Seniors**

Graduating Seniors are responsible for alerting the professor of your intention to graduate. All of your assignments must be completed by noon (12:00 PM) on the Wednesday prior to commencement exercises.

### **Netiquette**

Netiquette refers to appropriate online behavior in Blackboard or other online discussions. Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online on Discussion Boards or whenever interaction occurs through web, digital, or other electronic medium. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times in the online environment.

## **Course Schedule**

### **Week One: The Bible (Background)**

*begins: August 22, 2016*

### **Week Two: Studying the Bible (Observation, Interpretation, Application)**

*begins: August 29, 2016*

### **Week Three: Organizing a Bible Study (Format, Setting)**

*begins: September 5, 2016*

### **Week Four: Bible Study Leadership (Selection, Training)**

*begins: September 12, 2016*

### **Week Five: Teaching the Bible**

*begins: September 19, 2016*

### **Week Six: Bible Study Resources**

*begins: September 26, 2016*

**Week Seven: Evaluation**

*begins: October 3, 2016*

**Week Eight: Conclusion**

*begins: October 10, 2016*

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### **Internet Sources**

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| Teaching the Bible Creatively         | <a href="http://www.gospelcom.net">www.gospelcom.net</a>                           |
| Logos Bible Software                  | <a href="http://www.biblesoftware.com">www.biblesoftware.com</a>                   |
| Women's Enrichment Ministry Resources | <a href="http://www.lifeway.com">www.lifeway.com</a>                               |
| Neighborhood Bible Studies            | <a href="http://www.neighborhoodbiblestudy.org">www.neighborhoodbiblestudy.org</a> |
| Precept Ministries International      | <a href="http://www.precept.org">www.precept.org</a>                               |
| Bible Gateway                         | <a href="http://www.bible.gospelcom.net">www.bible.gospelcom.net</a>               |
| Bible Study Tools on Crosswalk.com    | <a href="http://www.bible.crosswalk.com">www.bible.crosswalk.com</a>               |
| Woman's Missionary Union              | <a href="http://www.wmu.com">www.wmu.com</a>                                       |

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Women's Evangelism	<a href="http://www.namb.net/heartcall">www.namb.net/heartcall</a>
Bible Study Tools	<a href="http://www.biblestudytools.net">www.biblestudytools.net</a>
Bible Studies - Women	<a href="http://www.biblicallyinept.com">www.biblicallyinept.com</a>
Bible Study Fellowship	<a href="http://www.bsfiinternational.org">www.bsfiinternational.org</a>
Blue Letter Bible	<a href="http://www.blueletterbible.org">www.blueletterbible.org</a>
Broadman Holman Publishers	<a href="http://www.broadmanholman.com">www.broadmanholman.com</a>

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