



HE101 Biblical Hermeneutics and Interpretation

Dr Philip E Satterthwaite | 3CR

About the Course

The main theme of this course is the interpretation and application of Scripture. It aims to help you reflect seriously on what is involved in reading, interpreting and applying the biblical text. During the course several necessary aspects of biblical interpretation (e.g. word studies, the relevance of the historical context) will be considered.

This course is taught using a 'blended learning' approach: partly by live lectures (Sessions 1.1 and 1.2) and partly by group tutorials in which students discuss in class recorded lectures which they have

listened to/watched beforehand (Sessions 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3). The group tutorials will also be used for class exercises in the interpretation of selected biblical texts.

The course falls into two parts. Part I (Lectures 1–6), covered in four sessions, deals with general principles of biblical interpretation. It also considers the topics of word studies and Bible translations. Part II (Lectures 7–14), also covered in three sessions, moves on to consider the different types of text found in the Bible: the NT letters, the Gospels and Acts; OT narrative, law, poetry, prophecy and wisdom. All of these texts have their own distinctive features, and care must be taken to interpret each of them in appropriate ways.

About the Lecturer

Dr Philip Satterthwaite has been Lecturer in Old Testament and Biblical Hebrew at BGST since 1998. Before that he was Research Fellow in Hebrew & Aramaic at Tyndale House, Cambridge.



His main research areas are: the Old Testament Historical books; the Septuagint. In 2007 his book *Exploring the Old Testament 2: The Histories* (written with J.G. McConville) was published by SPCK/IVP. Philip has preached and taught in a number of churches in Singapore. He is a member of Prinsep Street Presbyterian church. He is married to Eileen. Since 2011 he has been Principal of BGST.

Dates (2019)

Jul 9, 23
Aug 6, 20
Sep 3,
Oct 1, 15
(7:15pm – 10:00pm)

Location

Biblical Graduate School of
Theology 50 Kallang Pudding
Road, #07-01, Singapore 349326

Credits

3CR

Fees*

S\$450(Credit)
S\$240 (Audit)

Class Format

Blended Learning
(Live/ Online Lectures
& Tutorials)

* Students from Host Churches
are entitled to 20% off credit
courses only

Course Objectives

- i. To introduce students to some of the key issues in the interpretation and application of biblical texts.
- ii. To introduce students to the main genres (types of text) found in the Bible.
- iii. To give students practice in handling different biblical texts.

Academic Information

Course Texts: J.S. Duvall & J.D. Hays, *Grasping God's Word. A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible* (3rd edition; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012).

Assignments: (1) Short responses to the recorded lectures and MCQs [10%]; (2) Five short practical assignments [50%]; (3) Exegesis paper or a review essay [40%]

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