



HERMENEUTICS 1

This mini-course *introduces* the extensive topic of **hermeneutics**, i.e., the study and application of rules for interpreting texts. We'll talk about **the problem of meaning**, and also explore our **presuppositions** that dictate how we interpret what we read. Then we will talk about essential interpretive **principles** that have stood the test of time in biblical hermeneutics, including the principle of **right theology**.

HERMENEUTICS 2

This presentation explains the essential interpretive principles for mining the meaning from biblical **Proverbs, Parables and Prophecy**. It includes an introduction to the overlapping biblical genres of poetry and wisdom literature, and guidelines for interpreting both.

The prophecy section of this presentation will draw attention to **critical presuppositions** that will dictate the interpreter's overall understanding of Bible prophecy. This section also includes a brief examination of the phenomenon of **biblical types**, i.e., foreshadowings and commemorations in Scripture that are usually not as explicit as a prophecy, but are fulfilled in a similar manner as predictive prophecy.

HERMENEUTICS 3

Once a person understands the essential principles for interpreting a biblical text, what are the steps for building a biblical

doctrine? That is, how does one go about preparing **an authoritative teaching** on a subject like "The Trinity," or "The Rapture"? This mini-course will help!

THEOLOGY 1

In order to understand the details of God's plan for humanity, including how we each fit into that plan, we need to understand **the overarching purpose for creation and humanity**, that God has revealed in Scripture.

In this deep dive, we will discover that the biblical mandate to do all things "to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10.31) is ancillary to a **bigger purpose** that God has for our universe! The revelation of God's overarching purpose and plan begins in Genesis 1 and 2, with the creation of creatures in His image, and the subsequent *building* of Eve. An astounding confirmation of the plan occurs in the events of the Exodus, beginning with the Passover and culminating with the theophany on Mt. Sinai. The apostle John prophetically saw the glorious fulfillment of the plan in the final chapters of the book of Revelation. Get ready for fresh insight into your identity and life purpose as a Christ follower!



THEOLOGY 2

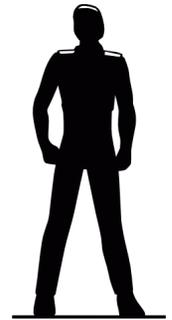
This mini-course provides in-depth perspective on **God as a "wage payer"** (Hebrews 11.6). The presentation explains **the biblical doctrine of rewards** for God's servants — from both Old Testament and New — and the reasons, both good and bad, why the Evangelical church has generally avoided this vital doctrine.

SOTERIOLOGY 1

This presentation examines **the essence of the gospel**, as summarized by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15. We will examine each element of the gospel and assess its importance and implications. The first goal of this presentation is to provide participants with clarity as to **what the gospel is, and what it is not**. The second goal flows from the first: confidence in sharing the gospel in any relational context.

ESCHATOLOGY 1

The Bible's teaching about **the Antichrist** begins in Genesis 3 and culminates in the book of Revelation. Because Scripture gives us *so much* data about this one entity, we must assume that God intends the church to recognize the Antichrist in all his forms, including his invisible presence as a spirit already at work in our world (1 John 4.3; 2 Thessalonians 2.7a). We teach on this topic to help the church with discernment, and



to rein in unbiblical speculations about Antichrist. This presentation should help participants **better understand what drives the present evil in our world**. A dividend is learning about Jesus from the stark contrast in between Christ and His counterfeit.

ESCHATOLOGY 2

In this deep dive, we examine **biblical covenants as vehicles that progressively convey**

God's people toward the eschatological restoration of the *familia dei*, the Edenic fellowship between God and man.

Participants will learn **the nature and purpose of biblical covenants** (as distinguished from Ancient Near Eastern pagan covenants and treaties) and will learn the covenant significance of blood sacrifices. Benefits of this presentation include an explanation of the seemingly bizarre, divinely directed arrangement of animal carcasses in Genesis 15, as well as an explanation of **the Edenic background for the divine mandate to build a tabernacle**.

ESCHATOLOGY 3

This mini-course provides an introduction to and an overall explanation of **The Book of Revelation**. It presents 14 vital aspects of this book of the Bible that Christians must not overlook. A general understanding of the culminating book in our canon will help participants tie together many biblical themes.

ECCLESIOLOGY 1

This mini-course describes **the character, culture and spirituality of the first generations of Christ followers** (AD 33 to 135). This window into the early church will provide both contrasts and similarities to how we practice Christianity today.

The presentation will describe the **historic turning points and cultural influences** that caused the early church to evolve into the Christianity that is familiar to us now. Participants will receive informative charts and diagrams in their notes packet for the presentation.

The Timothy Ministries Mini-Seminary

In our Mini-Seminary project, we charge no tuition, and offer no degrees. We create opportunities for participants to go deeper in their understanding of the Bible, key biblical topics, and the history of Christianity. We do this in the hope of aiding one another in our growth as Christian leaders, and better equipping one another to serve God's people in our strategic hour of human history.

Each of the mini-courses described in this brochure is a 90-minute presentation. Our preferred approach to sharing them is to present three of them as a Saturday intensive seminar. In this approach, one session is scheduled from 10:30 AM to noon, and then the other two sessions are presented after a one-hour lunch break. The host church, ministry organization, or group, may opt to provide a lunch (and possibly a dinner) for participants.

Of our preliminary mini-courses, the only ones that must be presented in order are **Hermeneutics 1, 2 and 3**, but they do not all need to be presented in the same one-day intensive. Aside from this caveat, our hosts may choose any combination of three mini-courses for their Saturday seminar.

For groups local to greater Tacoma, arrangements can also be made to present a single 90-minute mini-course on a weekend or weekday evening.

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Mini-Seminary



Deep Dives

*into vital topics for
followers of Jesus in
the 21st century.*

Abstracts Of Our 10 Preliminary Mini-Courses

