

Vine Academy 2022 – 2023

HS Bible

Course Description

Mr. Reynolds

Materials

- Text: The Holy Bible in whatever translation you have. Please however do not use a paraphrased bible... Please also make sure that you have a physical Bible.
- College rule composition book for note taking in class
- Blue or black pens
- Internet access to utilize online Lexicon blueletterbible.org.

Course Purpose and Overview:

This course is a survey course through the Holy Bible with an emphasis on helping to make the Word of God more tangible and accessible. The purpose is to enable the student to develop a comfort with studying the Holy Bible and learning about the God of creation, His attributes, and His Ways. We know that the Bible is spiritually discerned so we will also focus on helping students to understand this concept and to recognize the Holy Spirit as the Helper that Jesus promised in [John 14:16](#).

The course will begin with an introduction to the Holy Bible drawing from its text to better understand the nature, purpose, and sufficiency of His Word. This will be followed by an overview of the structure of the Bible outlining the constituent books, types, and testaments. From there the students will learn a variety of Hermeneutic approaches settling on a preferred model for the remainder of the course year. Finally, the introductory section will culminate with a practical understanding of blueletterbible.org and its uses to better understand the meaning, context and application of challenging concepts and vocabulary within the text of scripture.

Once the Introduction is complete, the course will transition into Unit 2 with practical application reading, discussion and seeking understanding of the Word through in class reading and discussion. We will begin with the creation story then move to some of the more notable Old-Testament stories. Time permitting, we will dive into select Psalms and Proverbs before introducing the Prophets focusing mainly on the book of Daniel.

In Unit 3, we will move on to the Gospels and the words and ministry of Jesus Christ. We will focus on select teachings, parables and events that reveal the nature and person of Christ. From there we will move to Unit 4 and explore the New Testament with formation of the early church in Acts, before moving to the book of Romans. Phew!

I know that this is a lot and I may be biting off more than we can chew. We will for sure adjust as the year progresses. Let's see what kind of pace we can keep. I am far more interested in securing understanding and growing our comfort with the Word than I am in completing the agenda. This is a guideline and an aspiration.

I could not be more excited! This is going to be quite a journey.

Classroom Instruction: Instruction is intended to be interactive discussion and practical application. The reading assignments will be given in advance and all students will be asked to participate in classroom discussion. Please do not hesitate to share what you think or question... this is how we learn. We must also be open to God speaking into the class through any of us. A dynamic classroom environment is up to each of us to assist with. Please participate and contribute!

Homework: Homework will often be offered at the end of class although this may change throughout the year. Much of the homework will be to read and think and pray about what you have read. Any assignments outside of this will likely be to ensure practical mastery of the concepts and tools that we offer in the introductory phase. All homework assignments are to be printed out (when appropriate) and turned in during class. Any assignments permitted to be turned on via email will be explicitly identified.

Class participation:

- Vine cell phone policy in force; no texting in class.
- Repeated tardiness is noted and shows disrespect for me and your classmates; Please be on time.

- Questions are strongly encouraged as being necessary for fruitful learning. Occasional discussion on current events as relates to the topic is encouraged; we are trying to learn about the world around us.
- Notebooks: Please take notes! This will help you with the class material but is also an essential skill for further academic development.

My cell phone is 408 623 3499. Texting me is always OK. Email is rreynolds8@hotmail.com, though response time on emails can be delayed a few hours to one day or two.