

# Inductive Bible Study – Acts of the Apostles – Online

## Syllabus

## Course # Acts12:24 1008

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#### Attribute/s of Outcome Based Ordination this course addresses

- Exhibit Biblical understanding. They possess holistic biblical knowledge, have a Wesleyan hermeneutic that accepts the authority of Scripture, and demonstrate their ability to root their Wesleyan worldview in the Bible.

#### Expected Outcomes

- **Cognitive**  
Be introduced to the discovery or inductive method of Bible Study
- **Affective**  
Exercise your developing skills in the study of select Scripture passages.

## **General Description:**

An introduction to hermeneutics, the art of biblical interpretation, through the study of the principles of induction, the development of skills and the use of various reference tools which are applied to specific books of the Bible.

## **Course Texts:**

Bruce, F.F. The New International Commentary on the New Testament: The Book of Acts. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988.

Willimon, William H. Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching: Acts. Louisville: John Knox Press, 1988.

Marshall, I. Howard. Tyndale New Testament Commentaries Volume 5: Acts, An Introduction and Commentary. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 1980.

## **Grading Scale:**

90-100 %- A

80-90 % -B

70-80 % - C

70 % and below – F

## **Assignments and grading:**

1. Do all assigned readings and submit signed acknowledgement – 10%
2. Inductive Bible Study Passage Outlines – You will complete and submit at least 2 Inductive Bible Study outlines. You will utilize the document provided titled IBS Passage Outline which is a word document and is available in the course documents. These should be between 8-10 pages once completed – 30%
3. Short Inductive Bible Study Papers – You will complete 3 separate papers utilizing the Inductive Bible Study method for your research as well as the Bible commentaries required for the course. You can find full details for these papers in the document provided titled IBS Reflection Paper Guide which is a PDF and is available in the course documents. – 60%

# Assigned Readings before each Class Session:

## 1. What is Inductive Bible Study?

- Course Handbook pages 4-38

## 2. Introduction & Overview of Acts

- Marshall, Introduction
- Willimon, Introduction
- Bruce, Introduction
- Course Handbook pages 39-72
- Complete and submit your first outline assignment on Acts 1:1-11

## 3. From Outline to Paper

- Complete and submit your second outline assignment on Acts 4:1-22
- Read the relevant sections of all 3 bible commentaries
- Complete and submit your first paper assignment on Acts 4:1-22

## 4. Final Papers

*Note: It is expected that you will utilize either the provided outline process or the one from the course handbook to prepare these papers.*

- Read the relevant sections of all 3 bible commentaries for Acts 14:8-20
- Complete and submit your first paper assignment on Acts 14:8-20
  
- Read the relevant sections of all 3 bible commentaries for Acts 28: 17-31
- Complete and submit your first paper assignment on Acts 28:17-31