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Course Syllabus FALL 2017

BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION: INTERPRETING AND APPLYING THE BIBLICAL TEXT BIBL 0501 SECTION 3

SEPT. 14 – DEC. 7
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PLEASE NOTE:

All of my group emails to the class will be sent to your @MyTyndale.ca email account. You are responsible for all mailings sent to this account. Please check this account on a regular basis or have the contents forwarded to your regular personal email account (see above for link to instructions).

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a study of the pivotal methods and interpretative principles involved in discerning the meaning of the biblical text. Topics covered include essential steps in interpreting the Bible, the variety of methods and approaches available to the contemporary student of Scripture, historical and theological issues arising out of the interpretative task, the relationship between

the testaments, word studies and literary genre. Students learn to use standard tools of biblical research

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- A. Understand the importance of careful and prayerful exegesis.
- B. Understand that exegesis is a methodical, step by step process which culminates in the interpretation and appropriation of a Biblical text.
- C. Be acquainted with the history of Biblical interpretation, including historical and contemporary approaches and methods.
- D. Develop the observational skills required to do a close reading of the Biblical text.
- E. Appreciate the importance of context (literary, historical, cultural, theological) in determining word meanings and the structure and literary features of a Biblical text.
- F. Be able to evaluate the validity of an interpretive position or a contemporary application of a Biblical text.
- G. Be familiar with the literary genres of the Bible, their respective features, and the rules for their exegesis and interpretation.
- H. Be able to critically engage and evaluate commentaries and journal articles.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED TEXTS

Klein, William W., Craig L. Blomberg and Robert L. Hubbard, Jr. *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation. Third Edition*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2017.

Fee, Gordon D. and Douglas Stuart. *How to Read the Bible for all its Worth*. Fourth edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014.

B. RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND TOOLS

Bauer, David R. and Robert A. Traina. *Inductive Bible Study: A Comprehensive Guide to the Practice of Hermeneutics*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2011.

Danker, F. W. [Multipurpose Tools for Bible Study](#). Revised ed. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2003.

Fee, Gordon D. [New Testament Exegesis](#). Third edition. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. and Richard D. Patterson. *Invitation to Biblical Interpretation: Exploring the Hermeneutical Triad of History, Literature, and Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Academic, 2011.

Stuart, Douglas. [*Old Testament Exegesis*](#). Fourth edition. Louisville, KY: Westminster Press, 2009.

Tate, W. Randolph. *Biblical Interpretation: An Integrated Approach*. Third edition. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2008.

Tate, W. Randolph. *Interpreting the Bible: A Handbook of Terms and Methods*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2006.

Wald, Oletta. *The New Joy of Discovery in Bible Study*. Revised ed. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing House, 2002.

Hebrew-English and Greek-English Concordance (either computer version or hardcopy [e.g. Kohlenberger]).

Interlinear Hebrew-English OT or Interlinear Greek-English NT (either computer version or hardcopy)

C. SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION (10%)

1. Choose a passage of Scripture that is at least 15 verses long, which you have **not** previously memorized, and memorize it.
2. You will recite the passage to someone. Your recitation must be word perfect with the allowance of 1 prompt or 1 error.
3. You may use any language and any Bible translation.
4. This assignment will be due at the beginning of class on **Thursday, November 9, 2017**. On that day, please submit on a 3x5 index card the passage of Scripture memorized, the date you recited it, and the name and signature of the individual to whom it was recited.
5. Between November 9 and December 7, 2017, members of the class may be called upon to recite the passage of Scripture they have memorized.

D. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

The process of examining a Biblical text and moving from exegesis to exposition has many components. Each assignment in this course is designed to provide practice in the completion of each component. The results of each assignment will be brought together, culminating in the final assignment which is the writing of an exegetical paper. Please note the following guidelines for the course assignments (see also section IV.B.):

- Adhere to the limits set out in the syllabus for the length of each assignment. An exception may be made for papers with extensive *content* footnotes.
- Typed, doubled spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins
- All assignments must be written according to SBL format for the text, footnotes, and bibliography. Please see [The SBL Handbook of Style: For Ancient Near Eastern, Biblical, and Early Christian Studies](#), 2nd ed. (Atlanta, GA: SBL Press, 2014).
- **All assignments are to be submitted as hardcopy and soft copy** prior to or at the beginning of class on the respective due dates. The penalty for a late assignment will be 5% (half a letter grade) for any part of each week it is late.
- Title page --- please include a title page for all written work which includes the title of the paper, the name of the course, the name of the professor, and your name.
- Students may form study groups to complete assignments #2-7 together. No more than 4 members in each group. Each member will receive the same grade. Once a group has formed, the group must remain intact and complete assignments #2-7 together.

1. Assignment One:

- 1.1 Make twenty five (25) observations on John 3:16.
- 1.2 Review your autobiographical details captured in your completed “Our Learning Community” questionnaire. Consider how the experiences of your life may influence or bias your reading of Scripture. List your biases in point form on one page.
- 1.3 Make a photocopy or computer printout of 2 Sam 11-12. Make the print LARGE with lots of **space** between words, lines, and in the margins. Suggest printing it in “landscape” format. You will be *extensively* marking up this copy as we will be using this passage in class to practice each step in the exegetical process. **Bring it with you to each class.**
- 1.4 Choose **one** of the following two texts **which you will use to complete the remaining assignments (#2-8)** for this course: Gen 22:1-19 **or** John 11:1-44.
- 1.5 Indicate on your assignment the % of pre-class textbook reading completed.

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2. Assignment Two:

Synthetic Outline of Gen 11:27 – 25:11 **or** John 1:1 – 12:50.

- 2.1 Read your passage over several times. Ignore the paragraph and chapter divisions in your Bible.
- 2.2 Look for the “literary unit dividers” which were presented in class and divide the passage into paragraphs. Assign a title to each paragraph as you work through the passage.
- 2.3 Where relevant, indicate in footnotes why have divided where you have. Example below.

- Eg. II. The First (14:1 – 15:21)¹
- A. Security and safety in Canaan (14:1-24)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - .
 - .
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 - B. Abraham’s Anxiety and God’s Assurances (15:1-21)²
 - 1. Promise of Seed (15:1-6)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - 2. Promise of Land (15:7-21)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
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 - .
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- 2.4 Group the paragraphs into larger units. Assign titles to these larger units. Indicate your reasons for your choice of grouping in footnotes.
- 2.5 Group your units into larger sections. Assign titles to these sections. Indicate your reasons for your choice of grouping in footnotes.
- 2.6 Give a title to the whole passage that you have outlined.
- 2.7 (OPTIONAL) You may but you are not required to consult and interact with different Bible translations and commentaries. You may interact with these sources in your footnotes. If you revise your outline as a result of the commentaries, be sure to indicate that and the reason in your footnote. Remember to cite the Bible translations and commentaries in a bibliography.
- 2.8 Maximum length of completed assignment (outline + footnotes) = five (5) pages.
- 2.9 Indicate on your assignment the % of pre-class reading completed.

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¹ This major literary unit is separated from the previous unit (A:B – X:Y) by the temporal marker This literary unit follows the pattern of concluding with a declaration of God’s promises to Abraham.

² This section is comprised of two paragraphs of similar structure. Each paragraph follows a three element structure in which God first makes a declaration of promise to Abraham, Abraham then poses a question which reveals his anxiety and uncertainty concerning the fulfillment of God’s promise, and concludes with God assuring Abraham of the certainty of His promise.

3. Assignment Three:

Construct an Interpretive Framework for either Gen 11:27-25:11 or John 1:1-12:50.

- 3.1 The purpose of your Interpretive Framework is to establish the context or background in which you will study your chosen text.
- 3.2 The challenge of this assignment will be to keep it to a reasonable length. This assignment is not intended to be an exhaustive study but a **survey**. Imagine you are writing an article in a Bible dictionary.
- 3.3 Maximum length = 8 pages.
- 3.4 Your Interpretive Framework should address the following questions:
 - 3.4.1 Questions of History and Culture
 - 3.4.1.1 What was the historical, cultural, and social contexts of your passage?
 - 3.4.1.2 What was the *Sitz im Leben* or setting in life?
 - 3.4.1.3 In what time period was your passage set?
 - 3.4.1.4 Is the historicity of your passage widely accepted? Any controversies?
 - 3.4.1.5 How does knowledge of the history and culture assist your understanding of the passage?
 - 3.4.2 Questions of Literary History
 - 3.4.2.1 Authorship? Redactors/Editors? Source documents?
 - 3.4.2.2 Survey positions proposed by source criticism, form criticism, and traditions criticism.
 - 3.4.2.3 Who was the original audience?
 - 3.4.2.4 What was the occasion or purpose for the composition of the passage?
 - 3.4.2.5 What is the literary genre or form of the passage?
 - 3.4.3 Questions of Theological Emphasis
 - 3.4.3.1 What is the theological message of your passage?
 - 3.4.3.2 What does the placement of your passage within the larger book (Genesis or John) tell you about its theological purpose?
 - 3.4.3.3 How do the events within your passage contribute to its theological purpose? In your opinion, what are the key events and why?
 - 3.4.3.4 What are the key theological terms which appear in the passage and how do they contribute to its theological purpose?
- 3.5 Consult commentaries, Bible dictionaries (Anchor, Interpreters, New International Standard), theological dictionaries of the OT/NT, Bible encyclopaedias, journal articles.
- 3.6 When you submit your assignment, also indicate the % of pre-class textbook reading that was completed.

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4. Assignment Four:

Rhetorical Analysis or Structural Overview of either Gen 22:1-19 or John 11:1-44.

- 4.1 The purpose of this assignment is to obtain an overview of the actors and action, the setting (time, space, location), temporal dynamics (speed at which events unfold), and the basic structure and flow of the passage.
- 4.2 Make a photocopy or computer printout of the passage you are studying. Ideally, make the print LARGE with lots of space between words, between lines, and in the margins. You may wish to print it out in “landscape” orientation. You will be *extensively* marking up this copy of the passage (underlining, circling, highlighting, annotating, etc).
- 4.3 Characters
 - 4.3.1 Put a rectangular box around all the characters that appear in the passage. They may be indicated by their names, personal pronouns, or by a special term of designation (eg. the righteous, the wicked, the Light of the world, the prophets)
 - 4.3.2 On a separate page, list all the characters, the terms by which they are referred by, and the verse references identifying where they appear in the passage.
- 4.4 Repeated words, phrases, or constructions (condition/promise, command/reason or result)
 - 4.4.1 Circle any repeated words, phrases or constructions. Track each occurrence by adding the same superscript numeral to the top right corner of the circle.
 - 4.4.2 Repetition reveals the theme/topic of the passage.
 - 4.4.3 On a separate page, list all the repeated words, phrases or constructions and the verse references identifying where they appear in the passage.
- 4.5 Identify transitions within the passage

Verses	Location	Primary Actors	Primary Activity	Real Time	Narrative Speed

- 4.5.1 Create a chart with the above headings.
- 4.5.2 Start a new row each time change or transition (location, activity, actors, narrative speed) occurs in the passage.
- 4.5.3 Label the primary activity that occurs. If action, label the type of action (eg. battle, journey, worship, etc.). If speech, indicate the type of speech (dialogue, prayer, sermon, debate, teaching, instruction, etc).
- 4.5.4 Use the following three categories for narrative speed:
 - 4.5.4.1 Slow = short period of real time narrated at length
 - 4.5.4.2 Neutral = real time and narrative speed appear to correspond
 - 4.5.4.3 Fast = long period of real time narrated briefly

- 4.5.5 Real time is **real** time = day, week, month, years. First, look to see if there are any indicators of time (temporal markers). It may be obvious such as a date (20th day of the 2nd month in the 2nd year after they left Egypt), a temporal phrase ("on the third day..."), or a measure of time (it rained 40 days and 40 nights). It may be implied from the events --- for example, in 2 Sam 11:2-4, the events occur during the course of an evening. 2 Sam 11:5 likely spans 1-2 months.
- 4.5.6 Narrative SPEED = speed at which the story unfolds. You have three options = normal, slow, or fast. Think of the story as a video you produced. Playing it at normal speed = normal narrative speed. Playing it in slo-mo = slow narrative speed = author takes a LONG time (lots of words, many verses) to describe an event (eg. 2 Sam 11:6-15). Playing your video in fast forward = fast narrative speed = author covers big chunks of time and events quickly (eg. 2 Sam 11:5 or 11:27).
- 4.6 Identify key statements in the passage
- 4.6.1 Put a wavy line under all the verbs you think may be significant.
- 4.6.2 Put a double wavy line under all imperatives (command, counsel, exhortation).
- 4.6.3 Single underline all questions.
- 4.6.4 Place a dotted line under all exclamations and rhetorical questions or statements.
- 4.7 Identify the key logical relationships in the passage
- 4.7.1 Using the same colour, highlight all significant conjunctions, particles, and prepositions.
- 4.7.2 Identify the logical relationship between what is on either side of the conjunction, particle, or preposition. Use a line with arrows to connect the two sections on either side. Common logical relationships are purpose, result, cause/effect, reason, condition/consequence, contrast.
- 4.7.3 Using a different highlighter colour, identify significant modifiers (adjectives and adverbs as single words, phrases or clauses) and draw an arrow connecting the modifier to the word it describes.
- 4.8 Use your margins to annotate observations, relationships, questions, explanations, cross references. This assignment will prepare you for the Terms Chart and exegetical paper.
- 4.9 Indicate on your assignment the % completion of the pre-class textbook reading.

DUE DATE: October 12, 2017 (10%)

5. Assignment Five:

Word study of '*ahab* (to love) for Gen 22:1-19 **or** *phileo* (to love) for John 11:1-44.

- 5.1 We will work through an example of a word study in class.
- 5.2 Look up the word in lexicons, a concordance, and in theological dictionaries. Compare different Bible translations to see how various translation committees decided on the nuance of meaning of the word.

- 5.3 Note the definition, range of meanings, different uses of the word, and the associated Scriptural references provided by the lexicons, concordances, and theological dictionaries.
- 5.4 Observe the meaning of the word in its various Biblical **contexts**. The context is the primary determinant of the particular nuance of meaning intended by the author.
- 5.5 Gather the results of your research from 5.2-5.4 and summarize in a Nuance Chart.
 - 5.5.1 List the various possible nuances of meaning of the word along with the Scriptural references associated with each nuance of meaning.
 - 5.5.2 You do not have to provide an exhaustive list of Scriptural references. A few representative verses may be cited for each nuance of meaning. If possible, select key representative verses.
 - 5.5.3 When describing a particular nuance of meaning, use a descriptive phrase or synonyms other than the traditional English translation. A thesaurus may be helpful here.
- 5.4 Write a summary (2 pages max) of the major nuances of meaning of the word. Now you are summarizing your research findings in written form. This will give you an overview of your interpretive options.
- 5.5 Select the particular nuance of meaning of the word in the passage you are studying. Provide evidence, reasons, and arguments to support your selection.
- 5.6 Interact with secondary sources: critical Biblical commentaries (these discuss various interpretive options and the strengths and weaknesses of each), journal articles (many word studies are published as a full length article in academic journals), theological dictionaries, encyclopaedias, etc.
- 5.7 Submit your nuance chart along with the written report of your word study. Include the % completion of the pre-class textbook reading.

DUE DATE: October 19, 2017 (10%)

6. Assignment Six:

Terms Chart with Interpretive Questions for Gen 22:1-19 **or** John 11:1-44.

Term	Verse	Interpretive Question	Interpretive Answer

6.1 Instructions for this assignment will be reviewed in class.

- 6.2 Assignments 6 & 7 are the HEART of the exegetical process which produces a paper, Bible study or sermon. There are TWO critical steps in exegesis: observation and asking the right questions of what is observed.
- 6.3 Create a chart with the same headings as above. Suggest “landscape” page orientation.
- 6.4 For the purposes of this assignment, the word “term” is the literary equivalent of “thing” or “whatchamacallit”. A “term” can refer to a word, a phrase, an entire clause, a logical connection (contrast, condition, purpose, etc) , a literary technique (repetition, panelling, chiasm, inclusion, etc), a grammatical or syntactical feature, a name, a location, a measure of time, ..., basically *any* observation in the passage that you have questions about.
- 6.5 List all the terms in the passage that you would like to investigate.
- 6.6 Then, compile a list of as many questions as you can come up with for each term you wish to examine.
- 6.7 There is NO PAGE LIMIT for this assignment. You can list as many terms as you want and as many questions as you want.
- 6.8 With your term chart, indicate the % completion of the pre-class textbook reading.

DUE DATE: November 2, 2017 (15%)

7. Assignment Seven:

Terms Chart with Interpretive Answers

- 7.1 Provide answers for the interpretive questions in your term chart.
- 7.2 You are *not expected* to answer *all* of your interpretive questions. Answer the questions that you think are critical to the understanding and interpretation of the passage. **However**, your ability to determine which are the critical interpretive questions is part of the grading of this assignment.
- 7.3 Guidelines to answering the interpretive questions:
 - 7.3.1 Provide options, propose your answer, give reasons.
 - 7.3.2 Point form or bullet type answers
 - 7.3.3 No footnotes within your answer. Just (author last name, page reference)
 - 7.3.4 Interact with multiple and a variety of secondary sources. I will be looking at the quality and quantity of the citations in your bibliography.
 - 7.3.5 For the interpretive questions that you choose not to answer, indicate the sources you would use to answer the question.
- 7.4 Include the % completion of your pre-class textbook reading with your assignment (March 14 and 21).

DUE DATE: November 16, 2017 (10%)

8. Assignment Eight:

Exegetical Paper

Detailed instructions have been posted on the BIBL class Moodle page.

DUE DATE: December 7, 2017 (20%)

E. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

1. Academic Integrity

Integrity in academic work is required of all Tyndale students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity, and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors; using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an assignments; improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism. Tyndale University College & Seminary takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty.

Plagiarism is using the work of others without acknowledging them by giving them proper credit and recognition. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, copying a phrase from a book or an article without citing the source, rephrasing the words or ideas of another person and passing them off as your own, and taking the work of another person and submitting it as your own. Plagiarism is both deception and theft. Plagiarism will result in a grade of “F” on an assignment.

Students should consult the current *Academic Calendar* for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System. The Academic Calendar is posted at www.tyndale.ca/seminary/calendar.

Everything we do as Christ followers is “as unto the Lord” and before the Lord. Tyndale is a community of learners and teachers united by a common desire to know God and to make Him known. Academic integrity is one component of the excellence by which we serve God and each other.

2. Guidelines for the Submission of Written Work

1. Written work must follow the SBL stylistic model described in [*The SBL Handbook of Style: For Ancient Near Eastern, Biblical, and Early Christian Studies*](#), 2nd ed. (Atlanta, GA: SBL Press, 2014). Please familiarize yourself with this handbook as it provides instructions for not only footnotes and bibliographic formats but also stylistic elements such as acceptable abbreviations, etc.
2. Please proof-read your work for spelling, punctuation, grammar, organization, coherent thought, and logical flow of arguments. It is often helpful to ask someone else to review your writing and comment on the above criteria.
3. All assignments are to be handed in at the **beginning** of class on the respective due dates. The penalty for a late assignment will be 5% (half a letter grade) for **any part** of each week it is late.
4. Title page --- please include a title page for all written work which includes the title of the paper, the name of the course, the name of the professor, and your name.
5. Checklist:
 - a. did you answer the question that was asked?
 - b. did you follow the instructions?
 - c. clarity and organization
 - d. critical analysis --- your paper should answer more “how?” and “why?” type questions than “what?” type questions?
 - e. spelling, grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, inclusive language
 - f. appropriate format for footnote citations and bibliography
6. Return of Assignments --- Graded assignments will be left with the receptionist at the main entrance where they can be picked up. If you wish to have your assignments mailed to you, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your work when it is submitted to me. Unclaimed assignments will be destroyed after six months.
7. Practical Tips for Essay Writing
 - a. Pray. Pray that your essay would transform your life and church community.
 - b. Begin early and work on it each week. Capture ideas that come to mind.
 - c. Start your research by reading an overview of your subject area in a major Bible dictionary or encyclopedia such as the *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, *The New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, *the Eerdmans Bible Dictionary*, *the New International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia*, *Encyclopaedia Judaica*, or *the New Catholic Encyclopaedia*.
 - d. The reference (encyclopaedias, dictionaries, commentaries) and periodical collections in the library are invaluable. Become familiar with their contents.
 - e. Take advantage of the library’s e-Resources (<http://www.tyndale.ca/library/>) which provide access to scholarly periodicals and journals <http://www.tyndale.ca/library/eresources/ejournals>) via the EBSCOHost, ATLA, and JSTOR databases.
 - f. Utilize the staff and expertise of the Tyndale Writing Services or visit the Centre for Academic Excellence’s website (www.tyndale.ca/academic-excellence). You will receive excellent help in documentation, style, grammar, punctuation, concise writing, focusing your research question, and much more.

- g. Make sure your essay is properly formatted including page numbers, title page, footnotes, and bibliography.
- h. Have someone proofread your essay prior to submission.

3. How will assignments be graded?

In general, assignments which meet the professor’s expectations will receive a grade of B or 75%. Grades above or below “B” will be related to the excellence or deficiencies of the submitted work relative to this satisfactory threshold. Excellence or deficiencies in the following areas will increase or decrease the grade that is assigned:

1. number and quality of primary and secondary sources cited in footnotes and bibliography
2. content
3. form and presentation --- correct SBL footnote and bibliographic format must be used
4. depth, thoughtfulness and thoroughness of analysis and discussion
 - a. asking and answering “how” and “why” questions versus “what” questions
 - b. breadth and depth of historical, grammatical, syntactical, exegetical, and theological research
 - c. exegetical interaction with the Biblical text, relevant scholarly articles, major commentaries
5. clarity, consistency and direction of logic, argument, and reasoning
6. quality and clarity of writing --- spelling, grammar, punctuation, sentence structure

F. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments:

Assignment 1: 25 Observations on John 3:16 Personal Biases in Reading Scripture	5 %
Assignment 2: Synthetic Outline	10 %
Assignment 3: Interpretive Framework	10 %
Assignment 4: Rhetorical or Structural Analysis	10 %
Assignment 5: Word Study	10 %
Assignment 6: Term Chart + Interpretive Questions	15%
Assignment 7: Term Chart + Interpretive Answers	10%
Assignment 8: Exegetical Paper	20%
Scripture Memorization	10%
Total Grade	100 %

G. COURSE EVALUATION

Tyndale Seminary values quality in the courses it offers its students. End-of-course evaluations provide valuable student feedback and are one of the ways that Tyndale Seminary works towards maintaining and improving the quality of courses and the student's learning experience. Student involvement in this process is critical to enhance the general quality of teaching and learning.

Before the end of the course, students will receive a MyTyndale email with a link to the online course evaluation. The evaluation period is 2 weeks; after the evaluation period has ended, it cannot be reopened.

Course Evaluation results will not be disclosed to the instructor before final grades in the course have been submitted and processed. Student names will be kept confidential and the instructor will only see the aggregated results of the class.

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

A course schedule will be provided and posted on the class Moodle page describing the following:

- *Overview of content for each class session*
- *Readings due for each class*
- *Specific due dates for course requirements*

V. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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