

CENTRAL VALLEY INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Hermeneutics: the art and science of reading and applying the Bible

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Ever wonder if you were understanding the Bible correctly? Have you faced the uncertainty to do something from what you read in Scripture, but fearing you were making a wrong interpretation of what God was trying to tell you? This course will give you skills and understanding in how to confidently interpret and apply Scripture to life opportunities and challenges.

I. Required text purchases

Hendricks, Howard. *Living by the Book: the art and science of reading the Bible* (available from www.amazon.com @ \$12.91)

(Other course material provided by the CVBA will be mailed to you by your prof)

II. Course assignments and requirements

a. Textbook readings and reports on each week's assigned pages of text (you will read approximately 100 pages per week which includes the textbook and other source materials)

b. Weekly reports on the readings which develop your skills in accurately handling the Scriptures

c. Discussion Board forums (6)

Six Discussion Board forums (weeks 2-7) addressing a topic posted by the prof based upon that week's reading assignments. The main posting **must be between 100 and 150 words** and must be completed no later than Thursday evening of the week in which the forum is assigned. The student will then reply to at least two other classmate's threads. **Each reply must not exceed seventy-five words** and be submitted no later than Sunday evening of each week. The prof will explain how this Discussion Board assignment works through using Facebook. All you need is to establish an account on Facebook.

d. Term Project

The project is simply sharing with another person or small group what you are learning through this study. You will give a two page report of the experiences in passing on this knowledge and these skill sets to others. Begin this ministry assignment in week 5—then give your report of what is happening in week 8.