



## Interpreting Scripture

- 1) **Course:** MTC005, Interpreting Scripture
- 2) **Length** – 16hrs
- 3) **Course Description:** Hermeneutics is the academic term utilized to describe the discipline of interpreting the Bible. This course is designed to introduce students not only to the rich history of the interpretation of Scripture, but also to introduce hermeneutical paradigms that are faithful to the text of the Bible and to the task of missional ministry in the contemporary world.
- 4) **Instructional Goals and Objectives:**
  - a) Being (Spiritual Formation) Objectives: The student will
    - i) become a more thoughtful, helpful, appropriate, and honest interpreter of God’s Word for the blessing and benefit of the people being served whether that be in an apostolic, prophetic, shepherd, teacher, or evangelist role;
    - ii) become a better “story-teller” helping not only to understand, comprehend, and articulate Scripture faithfully, but also to do so in the context of community and relationships bringing God’s creative and redemptive Word to bear in all of life situations and circumstances;
    - iii) grow in appreciation of the beauty, strength, richness, depth, and liveliness of God’s written Word.
  - b) Knowing (Cognitive Formation) Objectives: The student will
    - i) recognize and appropriately discern ancient, medieval, modern, and post-modern modes of reasoning and how that impacts our study of the Scriptural texts;
    - ii) learn about the issues that have arisen in Biblical interpretation and how to appropriately respond to those issues;
    - iii) articulate how Christians specifically aligned with the historical Lutheran “movement” enter into hermeneutical practice faithful to its faith and heritage;
    - iv) understand as well as articulate how every person who is a disciple of Jesus IS a “hermeneute” (i.e. interpreter of Scripture) not only in their reasoning and communicating abilities, but also in and through their lifestyle;
    - v) recognize that hermeneutics is a specifically grace-filled discipline; it is not based on the law.
  - c) Doing (Conative Formation) Objectives: The student will
    - i) engage in hermeneutical exegesis of Scriptural texts;
    - ii) demonstrate familiarity with a variety of methodologies used throughout history by Christ-followers to interpret the Bible.