



SCS 505 Bible Interpretation  
3 Credits 4 CEUs

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Required Texts	Studebaker A. 1998. <i>Wisdom for a Lifetime</i> . Unity Village MO: Unity Books Butterworth, E. 1989. <i>Discover the Power Within You</i> : San Francisco, Harper Wink, W. 1989. <i>Transforming Bible Study</i> . Nashville: Abingdon Press
Other Required Reading	Handouts
Recommended Reading	Wink, W. 1988. <i>The Bible in Human Transformation</i> . Philadelphia: Fortress Press

Course Description

This course examines various methods of interpretation of the Bible. It presents processes for exploration of how the stories, poems, and other narratives can be used in dealing with everyday life. The focus is on metaphysical and Maieutic interpretation and on the Bible as a means to see the evolution of consciousness in the individual as well as humankind.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Explain various methods of interpretation of the Bible stories and narratives
2. Compare and contrast various methods of interpretation
3. Demonstrate how Bible interpretation can be used in teaching and preaching.

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcome for the Master of Divinity: and the Diploma in Unity Ministry:

Foundational Knowledge in the area of Scriptural studies

Assignments

Students will be required to participate in a group project that involves research, discussion, at least three levels of interpretation and documentation and a presentation to the class.

Selected Bibliography

Stewart, R.C. 2005. *Shattering the Sacred Myths, Evolutionary Metaphysics.*