First Year
Pre-class Written Assignment
Perkins Course of Study School 2013

(111) PASTOR AS INTERPRETER OF THE BIBLE

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Textbooks:

Walter J. Harrelson, ed.-*The New Interpreter's Study Bible* (ISBN: 0687278325)
Paul J. Achtemeier-*Harper Collins Bible Dictionary* (ISBN: 0060600373)
Walter Brueggeman-*The Bible Makes Sense* (ISBN: 0867165588

Assignments: Answer four of the following.

1. In the first chapter of *The Bible Makes Sense*, Brueggemann discusses four characteristics of the covenantal-historical view of the Bible that stand in sharp contrast to three models for viewing the world that continue to shape our people. You are to write a 3-5 page double-spaced reflection paper on the content of this chapter using the following points as your outline:
    - Describe the content of the chapter in your own words
    - Give your opinion of what you read and why you have this opinion
    - In what ways could this chapter affect your role as a pastor?

2. In the tenth chapter of *The Bible Makes Sense*, Brueggemann discusses a six point summary of perspectives on the Bible. You are to write a 3-5 page double-spaced reflection paper on the content of this chapter using the following points as your outline:
    - Describe the content of the chapter in your own words
    - Give your opinion of what you read and why you have this opinion
    - In what ways could this chapter affect your role as a pastor?

3. Using the Brueggemann text, write a 3-5 page paper double-spaced on five key discoveries or insights you gleamed from having read chapters 2-9.

4. Write a paper consisting of a one page introduction to the following books of the Bible for which this course is designed: Genesis, Hosea, Amos, Mark and Philippians. In each of these introductions, tell who was the probable author, for what readers was the book intended, what occasion called for the writing of the book, and what was the dominant theological emphasis of the book. (You should be able to find all of this information in your Study Bible and Bible Dictionary).

5. Write a three to five page double-spaced paper on what role the prophetic documents of Amos and Hosea could have for our society. How would you understand your role in your pulpit as a prophetic preacher?

Note: if you have questions about your assignments you may e-mail Jimmie Reese at jareese@aol.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
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The completed pre-class work for courses 111-114 must be brought to Course of Study School and submitted to the respective instructors at the first class meeting. **Students taking courses 111-114 who are unable to submit pre-class work on the first day of classes should contact the Course of Study School office to cancel course(s).**.

Each assignment should be typed, double-spaced, or legibly handwritten, with pagination numbers, and be accompanied by a completed cover sheet (Form C). A copy of the cover sheet, can be photocopied, can be found in the Course of Study Catalogue.

Students should keep and bring a hard copy of each assignment to class.

In addition, students should include a one-page autobiography for *each* instructor.

Guidelines for writing pre-class assignments and information on academic dishonesty are provided in the Course of Study catalog, available on the website. Students are expected to understand what constitutes plagiarism. Students who are found to plagiarize are subject to grading penalties, which may include dismissal from the school.

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