

STARTING:

Monday, September 27, 2021
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Adam Copenhaver

LOCATION: Community Bible Church, 5807 W. Umatilla Ave., Kennewick WA 99336

COURSE SUMMARY:

This course will introduce the historical background of the New Testament, develop central New Testament themes, and model faithful exegesis, theological thinking, and practical reflection on the New Testament.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will be in a traditional classroom setting with lecture and discussion. The classes will meet weekly for two hours for twelve weeks. Some students may be attending via video conferencing.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Have a basic understanding of the historical background and context of the NT.
- Be familiar with significant NT texts and their theological aims.
- Gain experience in deep reflection on particular texts and themes.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS & TEXTBOOK:

- *The New Testament in Antiquity: A Survey of the New Testament within Its Cultural Context* (1st edition 2009) by Gary M. Burge, Lynn H. Cohick, Gene L. Green OR *The New Testament in Antiquity: A Survey of the New Testament within Its Cultural Context* (2nd edition 2020) by Gary M. Burge & Gene L. Green [both are available in Kindle format] The newest edition is a little more expensive, but has been expanded and updated with an additional 140 pages of material.
- Weekly readings and reflections (approximately 1-2 hours per week)
- Major project: Each student will select a particular Bible passage/topic as a paper and/or a presentation to the class.

COST: \$100 plus textbook

COURSE SCHEDULE:

CLASS	DATE	TOPIC
1	Sep 27	Historical background of the New Testament
2	Oct 4	Social and cultural world of the New Testament
3	Oct 11	Sermon on the Mount, Part 1: Life in Jesus' kingdom
4	Oct 18	Sermon on the Mount, Part 2: Life in Jesus' kingdom
5	Oct 25	Luke and Acts: Wrestling with faith, doubt, and certainty
6	Nov 1	Paul: A biography of his life and ministry
7	Nov 8	Paul: Theology of gospel, grace, and faith
8	Nov 15	Colossians and Philemon: Introduction and historical context of slavery
9	Nov 22	Colossians: Theological foundation to Philemon
10	Nov 29	Philemon: Paul's appeal and implications for Christian living
11	Dec 6	Hebrews: Jesus fulfills the Old Testament
12	Dec 13	Student presentations/papers