

SYLLABUS for INTERPRETATION AND RELIGIONS

Juniors, Fall 2014

School mission statement: To challenge you to grow in knowing, loving and serving God and others.

Course Description: The first quarter will focus on Bible interpretation principles, skills, and errors. This will be followed by a unit on practical evangelism principles and methods. Finally, a number of world religions will be introduced and explained.

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Visiting options: Open periods: 4, and 5, before school, after eating, after school/early outs and special appointments

Teaching: Class discussion with lecture/notes is preferred. Therefore you are encouraged to ask questions and discuss the topics as they are presented. Bible interpretation skills will be practiced through in-class assignments.

Goals:

1. To help you grow in your faith and commitment to Jesus, as Savior and Lord.
2. To help you learn the value of the Bible and how to use it in your lives (Bible interpretation skills) to discern the “Spirits of the age.”
3. To learn practical evangelism principles
4. You will be exposed to other belief systems(religions) to help you understand them, and think about how you can help them see the truth of Christianity

Content:

I. Bible Interpretation

- A. Beginning principles
- B. Story line
- C. Purpose
- D. General principles
- E. Controls and Challenges
- F. Study helps
- G. Bible study - exegesis and interpretation
 1. Theme
 2. Form
 3. Time
 4. Place(Biblical culture)
 5. Relationships
- H. Bible interpretation errors

II. Witnessing and evangelism: The *Bruchko* book

III. World Religions

- A. Hinduism
- B. Islam
- C. Buddhism
- D. Mormonism
- E. Jehovah’s Witness
- F. Wicca
- G. Scientology

Homework: View of the Bible paper, interpretation worksheets, Bible character project, Laws/Prophecy/Psalm project, *Bruchko* book quizzes (a book about a missionary to South America, read in class), and religion quizzes (on the various religions we will be studying).

Tests: About two tests per quarter

Evaluation:

Semester test will make up one third of your final grade, each quarter grade making up the other two thirds. Each quarter grade consists of one half quizzes and assignments, one half tests.

In addition:

Books can be read for extra credit. These books must be approved, signed up in the book, and written by a Christian author. You must take notes on concept books. Reports are oral. Each book results in up to 2% added to the grade. Book dates: October 17 and December 5.

Course materials: You should bring a Bible to class every day for the Bible interpretation unit. Failure to do so will result in a tardy.

Grading Scale:

A	100-96
A-	95-90
B+	89-87
B	86-83
B-	82-80
C+	79-77
C	76-73
C-	72-70
D+	69-67
D	66-63
D-	62-60
F	59