

NE-IBS

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**Topic:** HERMENEUTICS

**Teacher:** Pastor Mike Abendroth

## I. **Introduction**

### ***What is New England Institute for Biblical Studies?***

The New England Institute for Biblical Studies is a church-based Bible institute. The New England Institute for Biblical Studies is a ministry of Bethlehem Bible Church and operates under its authority. The New England Institute for Biblical Studies bridges the gap between Sunday School/small group Bible studies and Seminary training. Courses are taught at the Bible college level and targeted to those involved in ministry at the local church. Our desire is to equip the saints for the work of local church ministry.

### ***Format***

New England Institute for Biblical Studies offers God's people the opportunity for concentrated Bible study at the local church. A complete program of study includes 12 core courses and optional elective courses. Those completing the 12 core courses will receive a Certificate of Completion from the New England Institute for Biblical Studies. Each New England Institute for Biblical Studies course is seven weeks in length and the core courses will be offered once every four years. Two tracks are offered allowing students to choose a preferred intensity level. The higher level track includes supplemental reading and projects. Each class will include a lecture given by the instructor. Questions are encouraged.

### **New England Institute for Biblical Studies course requirements typically include:**

1. Regular Attendance
2. Completion of Required Reading
3. Regular Quizzes & Term Papers

Students can expect 3-5 hours of study per week. Normally, grades are issued on an A/B/C/fail basis at the end of each course. *Audited courses are not graded.*

## II. Course Requirements

### 1. Attendance

- Dates of Classes – Sept 8-Oct 20; Thursday nights
- 6:30pm - 8:30 pm (Sept 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20)
- Please leave a message @ 508 835-3400 if you cannot attend a class

### 2. Reading

Required Text for Standard Class:

- *Basic Bible Interpretation* by Roy B. Zuck
- *How to Interpret the Bible for Yourself* by Richard Mayhue
- *Knowing Scripture* by R. C. Sproul

Reading pace:

- 7 weeks @ 85 pages per week or
- 49 days @ 12 pages per day

Course Pack will be given to each student at Class #1 (to be purchased Sept. 8).

### 3. Weekly Quizzes

### 4. Short Papers (several)

## III. Course Goals

- To help the student understand the basics in Bible interpretation.
- To assist the student in his/her own knowledge of the Bible and increase his/her intimacy with the Savior, Jesus Christ.
- To ultimately help the student to be a doer of the Word.
- To help the student as he/she teaches others the Word