

# Institute for Christian Studies

## Introduction to Bible Study

### Course Syllabus

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**Course Objectives:** This course is intended to introduce students to the methods available for the study of Scripture in order to apply them to personal and group Bible Study.

**This course endeavors to:**

- Recognize the basic genres of Scripture
- Approach Scripture recognizing its authority and inspiration
- Introduction to biblical criticism
- Understand the assembly of the canon of Scripture
- Review various resources to aid Bible study
- Give hands on experience with various Bible study approaches

**Bring to the Class:**

- A Bible
- Any Bible aids that you already find helpful

**Reading to be done in advance of the class:** None

**Books:**

- A Guide to Pronouncing Biblical Names, T.S.K. Scott-Craig, Morehouse.
- The Oxford Companion to the Bible, Metzger and Coogan, Oxford University Press
- (If you are able) The New Jerome Biblical Commentary (Hardcover) by [Joseph A. Fitzmyer](#) (Author, Editor), [Raymond Edward Brown](#) (Author, Editor), [Ronald E. Murphy](#) (Editor), [Roland Edmund Murphy](#) (Editor)