

**For all Pastors, Ruling Elders, Deacons, CRE/CPs and other PCUSA Members
2023 – 2024 Classes**

Biblical Exegesis



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When: *Thursday and Friday, December 7 and 8: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm*
Saturday, December 9: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Where: *Zoom only on Thursday and Friday – Register on the links below:*

Thursday <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/tZYpce-oqjgGdG104CHscw2lxX2M2p2vCJK>

Friday <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/tZ0vdO6hrT8oGNLZsv4U2zZmv3Gd6ITZN4A8>

Saturday **In person at the First Presbyterian Church of Hayward, 2490 Grove Way, Castro Valley**
or <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/tZYsfu2hqjkoH9RS7W49bF-7AZHY9UxqIZeh>

Cost: *\$100 for credit* for Commissioned Ruling Elder Candidates
\$40 to audit and open to all

Class Description: This course on biblical exegesis will provide a simple framework and a broad toolbox for making sense of Scripture, with all its beauty, challenges, and complexities. Biblical exegesis is the critical and systematic interpretation or explanation of the texts in the Bible. It is a theological process that seeks to understand the meaning and significance of the biblical texts within their historical, cultural, and literary context. It is used and to help interpret and apply its messages in contemporary contexts in preaching, teaching, and bible study.

Pre-class Reading:

[Elements of Biblical Exegesis](#). Read chapters 1, 3-6.

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Further information for CRE/CP Students

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Pre-course Assignment:

Read Matthew 14:22-33. Using chapters 3-6 of Elements of Biblical Exegesis as a guide, write a 2-3 page analysis of the text. Do not consult any other resources - only the biblical text. Write down any questions you have and what kinds of resources you might want to consult to answer those questions. Please submit one week before class and come ready to discuss your analysis.

Post-course Assignment:

Using the framework presented in class, choose a text of your choice and write an exegetical paper (5-7 pages)

Course Requirements (For Credit)

1. Attendance at all classes
2. Completion of all required readings
3. Completion of the pre- and post-course assignments

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