

**New Testament Survey**  
**“Reading the New Testament Faithfully”**  
**Sierra Pacific Conference FMCUSA**

*Date:* Saturdays, Aug 11 & 18 (both days required)

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*Location:* Modesto FMC 1520 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA 95355

Register Here: <https://modestofmc.breezechms.com/form/6d370281>

*Schedule:* 9 am to 5 pm (breaks for lunch from Noon to 1pm)

Required Texts:

- ***A COMPACT GUIDE TO THE WHOLE BIBLE:  
LEARNING TO READ SCRIPTURE’S STORY***  
by Robert Wall & David Nienhuis
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Compact-Guide-Whole-Bible-Scriptures/dp/0801049830/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1531432540&sr=8-1&keywords=a+compact+guide+to+the+whole+bible](https://www.amazon.com/Compact-Guide-Whole-Bible-Scriptures/dp/0801049830/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1531432540&sr=8-1&keywords=a+compact+guide+to+the+whole+bible)
  - [https://www.ebay.com/itm/A-Compact-Guide-To-The-Whole-Bible/332611238751?epid=201572944&hash=item4d712cbb5f%3Aag%3A8aUAAOSwq1JZG86H&\\_sacat=0&\\_nkw=a+compact+guide+to+the+whole+bible&\\_from=R40&rt=nc&\\_trksid=m570.l1313](https://www.ebay.com/itm/A-Compact-Guide-To-The-Whole-Bible/332611238751?epid=201572944&hash=item4d712cbb5f%3Aag%3A8aUAAOSwq1JZG86H&_sacat=0&_nkw=a+compact+guide+to+the+whole+bible&_from=R40&rt=nc&_trksid=m570.l1313)
- *How to Read the Bible for All its Worth* by Gordon Fee and Douglas Steward
- *Bible*
  - Bring your desired version
  - Personal Preferences: I prefer devotionals and to preach with CEB (Common English Bible) and for more systematic and exegetical study I prefer NRSV. ESV is fine, but there are some theologically conservative things that should be considered. NIV is good. Lots of other good ones too.

Required Materials:

- Notebook or Note Taking Device (Tablet, Laptop, etc.).
- Writing Utensils if needed

Special Notes:

- I will provide everyone with paper copies (and digital if requested) of the power points.
- The course will involve interaction and dialogue.
- Come prepared to either get lunch out each Saturday or bring your own lunch with you. There are a few restaurants within a couple blocks of the church.

Assignments:

- Two 3-page minimum exegesis papers with thorough sermon outlines attached
  - These need to be two different New Testament texts - One Gospel and One Epistle.
- Read the Readings

Course Outline:

- Read *before* Saturday August 11th
  - *A COMPACT GUIDE...* (Chapters: Preface, 1, 2, 8,)
  - *How to Read the Bible for All its Worth* (chapters: 1, 2, 7, 8)
  - *THE GOSPELS (MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN) & ACTS*
    - Try to read each one in a sitting. Should only take a couple hours each. I don't mind if you listen to them on high speed.

- I HIGHLY RECOMMEND you watch the Bible Project/Read Scripture series for each book beforehand. They are short, INCREDIBLE overviews of scripture. Everytime I watch one I say to myself, “do you know how many books and classes I had to take to learn this stuff?”
  - Matthew:
    - Pt 1: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Dv4-n6OYGI&frags=pl%2Cwn](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Dv4-n6OYGI&frags=pl%2Cwn)
    - Pt.2: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGCF3OPWN14&frags=pl%2Cwn](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGCF3OPWN14&frags=pl%2Cwn)
  - Mark: <https://youtu.be/HGHqu9-DtXk>
  - Luke:
    - Pt. 1: [https://youtu.be/XIb\\_dClxsr0](https://youtu.be/XIb_dClxsr0)
    - Pt. 2: [https://youtu.be/26z\\_KhwNdD8](https://youtu.be/26z_KhwNdD8)
  - John:
    - Pt. 1: <https://youtu.be/G-2e9mMf7E8>
    - Pt. 2: [https://youtu.be/RUfh\\_wOsauk](https://youtu.be/RUfh_wOsauk)
  - Acts:
    - Pt. 1: <https://youtu.be/CGbNw855ksw>
    - Pt. 2: <https://youtu.be/Z-17KxpjL0Q>

### Saturday August 11, 2018

- Introduction to the Rule of Faith/Theology and the rules to reading well
  - The Theological presuppositions we should (and shouldn't bring to the text)
  - Historical/theological/Social Context awareness
  - Reading Faithfully from our Traditional Distinctives
    - Orthodox Christianity//Wesleyan//Free Methodist (Book of Discipline)
- The Canon and Inspiration
  - History of Canonization
  - A brief word on the importance of reading canonically
  - Understanding Inspiration and how it shapes our reading of scripture
- Reading the Bible as Scripture
  - Discussion from Reading: What is Scripture?
  - Function of Scripture // Necessity of Community
- Exegesis Practice from Gospel

### Saturday August 18, 2018

- Read *before* Saturday August 18th
  - *A COMPACT GUIDE...* (Chapters: 9, 10, 11)
  - *How to Read the Bible for All its Worth* (chapters: 3, 4, 13)
  - *BIBLE* (& (recommended) watch those Bible Project/Read Scripture videos):
    - *Galatians*: <https://youtu.be/vmx4UjRFp0M>
    - *Ephesians*: <https://youtu.be/Y71r-T98E2Q>
    - *Philippians*: <https://youtu.be/oE9qqW1-BkU>
    - *Colossians*: <https://youtu.be/pXTXIDxQsvc>
    - *Catholic Epistles: James, 1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude* (all of the videos ->):
      - <https://bit.ly/2LwuWaO>
- Discussion:
  - Metanarrative & Major Themes //Genre: Gospel, Epistolary, Apocalyptic, etc
  - Teaching and Preaching//Resources & Commentaries//Exegesis Practice from Epistle
- PAPERS DUE BY OCTOBER 1ST (paper guidelines handed out in class)