

# BI 7316 Topical Essay Prompts

## Module 1: History, Advances, and Problems (Week 3)

Discuss the history of modern biblical theology. Be sure to analyze this history in a way that shows the virtues and problems inherent in and arising from how biblical theology has been pursued in its modern philosophical context. For each of the problems you identify, suggest a corresponding solution or way of resolving the difficulty.

## Module 2: Hermeneutic and Theological Foundations (Week 8)

Identify and describe the major hermeneutic and theological cornerstones (or presuppositions) that might enable whole-Bible biblical theology. Discuss how these and any other the major hermeneutic and theological cornerstones might enable biblical theology to be done for the church's edification rather than as a purely descriptive and historical enterprise.

## Module 3: Tradition, Horizon, and Practice

### Week 12

Describe early Christian hermeneutic theory and practice. Discuss how this theory and practice may be relevant to contemporary efforts to produce whole-Bible biblical theology for the church's edification. As you do so, be sure to indicate the hermeneutic foundations for any of this earlier theory and practice that seem helpful or problematic.

### Week 16

Select one biblical text or pericope that you did *not* discuss (however tangentially) in your major essay. Give a theological reading of this text or pericope. Your reading must connect with prior Christian interpretation and clearly show your passage's significance for Christian theology, practice, or both.