

Hebrew Podcasts for Vicars

Exegetical Department

The purpose of the podcasts is to help students retain, and strengthen, their knowledge of Biblical Hebrew during their vicarage year. This will prepare them for required M.Div. courses in their fourth year. Another purpose is to instill in students a life-long habit of working with the Hebrew text of the Old Testament.

1. Each podcast will deal with the upcoming Sunday's Old Testament lesson. The Hebrew text will be translated and analyzed. There could also be further discussion; for example, ideas for a sermon might be presented.
2. In addition to Sundays, there will be extra podcasts for the feast days. During the Easter season a podcast will deal with the appointed psalm readings (when there are no appointed readings from elsewhere in the Old Testament).
3. The time for vicars to listen to the podcasts will be from mid-August through mid-June.
4. Vicars will be required to listen to, and take and pass the quizzes for, forty podcasts. Vicars can take breaks from listening to the podcasts as they choose.
5. Each podcast will be fifteen-twenty minutes in length. Connected with each podcast will be a quiz consisting of five multiple-choice questions. The quiz will be taken immediately after the podcast has been viewed.
6. A passing grade for a quiz will be 60% or above.
7. Vicars will log into MyClasses where they will view the podcasts and take the quizzes.
8. A Graduate Assistant will manage the podcasts. He will keep a record of vicars taking and passing the quizzes and meeting the requirement. The Graduate Assistant will give monthly reports to Drs. Maier, Pulse, and Tietz regarding the progress of the vicars in listening to the podcasts and taking the quizzes. Each professor will be assigned approximately one third of the period from mid-August to mid-June. If necessary, a professor will communicate with a vicar regarding meeting the podcast requirement.
9. The satisfactory completion of the podcast requirement will be indicated on a student's academic transcript.
10. If a student does not in a satisfactory manner meet the podcast requirement during his vicarage year, he will be required to take a Hebrew Readings course when he returns to the seminary for his final year of instruction.