

Contemporary Relevance Project following an Exegesis Paper
Assignment from an exegesis class taught by Dr. Brittany Kim

Begin by choosing either (1) a context where you might preach or teach on your passage (e.g., in a Sunday sermon, a youth group, a Bible study, etc.) or (2) a contemporary issue that your passage could speak to. Create a short sermon, Bible study curriculum, poem or song, artistic work (with explanation), persuasive essay, etc., communicating how your passage applies to that group/issue. Be creative in your means of expression, but make sure that your application of the passage is firmly rooted in your exegetical work and draws clear connections to particular details in the passage.

Give a 5-minute presentation on your Contemporary Relevance project during the final class Zoom meeting.

Grading Rubric for Contemporary Relevance Project			
Criteria	85–100 points	70–84 points	Below 70 points
Depth of insight	The project shows deep insight and reflection.	The project shows some insight and reflection.	The project is lacking in insight and reflection.
Engagement with the selected passage	The project clearly draws on specific details of the selected passage.	The project shows some connection to the selected passage.	The project does not interact significantly with the selected passage.
Creativity	The project demonstrates substantial creativity.	The project demonstrates little creativity.	The project is lacking in creativity.

Prior to doing this assignment, students read the following examples of bringing the biblical texts to bear on particular contemporary concerns:

- Ateek, Naim. “Who Is My Neighbor?” *Interpretation* 62 (2008): 156–65.
- Lansdowne, Carmen. “Economies of Enough.” Pages 27–29 in *Unsettling the Word: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization*. Edited by Steve Heinrichs. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2019.
- McCaulley, Esau. “Freedom is No Fear: The New Testament and a Theology of Policing.” Pages 25–46 in *Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise of Hope*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2020.
- Richter, Sandra L. “The Domestic Creatures Entrusted to ’Ādām.” Pages 29–47 in *Stewards of Eden: What Scripture Says about the Environment and Why It Matters*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2020.