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### **Introduction to Biblical Studies (IBS) Pre-Course Survey**

Please complete the following statement: The Bible is . . .

Why did you answer the above as you did?

From where have you gotten these ideas?

Is there something about the Bible that is “non-negotiable” for you?

What is your response if someone were to challenge that understanding?

In a classroom setting, what do you suspect would be the range of answers to the first question?

Why did you register for this course?

What are your expectations of this course?

Is there something/ some area you'd like to know more about?

Have you ever read the Bible (or parts of the Bible) before? Yes No

If so, in what context?

How have you read the Bible?

How do you think that academic biblical study might be different from a Torah/ Bible Study in a synagogue or church?

What are your initial reactions to learning new ways of engaging biblical material that might be very different from & possibly even at odds with what you may have learned?