COURSE SYLLABUS

Textbooks:

DiscipleWay Bible Study
DiscipleWay Prayer
DiscipleWay Worship

Required Reading:


Note: This is NOT all of the required reading. See item #3 under "Course Requirements" below.

Course Description:
This course explores biblical principles and experiential learning theories as they relate to the overall philosophy and practice of disciple making within Christian ministries and religious education. Special attention is given to theological reflection.

Course Objectives:
1. The student should come to an understanding of the importance of spiritual growth, experience personal spiritual growth, and comprehend the biblical background for the concept of helping others to grow in Christian discipleship.

2. The student should interact cognitively, affectively, and experientially with the spiritual disciplines and achieve the objectives listed in each discipline of the DiscipleWay curriculum.

3. Through theological reflection, the student should integrate methods and principles into his/her own disciple making process.
Course Requirements:

1. Mid-term Exam  20%

2. Personal Spiritual Discipline  30%
   Complete the DiscipleWay lessons and other assignments provided during the semester.

3. Critical Book Reviews  30%
   Read one book on each of the spiritual disciplines covered in class: Bible study (due 5th week), prayer (due 10th week), and worship (due 13th week). (You may use Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Whitney for one of your critical book reviews.) The grading rubric for this assignment will be provided.

4. Spiritual Journal  20%
   Keep a journal beginning immediately after the first class. On a regular basis, but at least weekly, record your thoughts, feelings, and spiritual insights concerning the spiritual disciplines. Include analysis of required readings from textbooks in this assignment. This is your final exam and is to be typed or printed and turned in by the date of the final exam.

Tentative Schedule:

Weekly sessions will focus on those lessons that are highlighted with underlining and bold print. Other lessons (not underlined and in bold) will receive an overview during the class period. Students should complete the highlighted lessons. Students should read the text and comments for the lessons not highlighted. For example, complete the Bible study for lesson 2.4 and just read the text and comments for lesson 2.5.

Jan 20:  Introduction and Overview
Jan 27:  Bible 1.1
Feb 3:   Bible 1.2
Feb 10:  Bible 1.3, 1.4, 1.5
Feb 17:  Bible 1.6 and 1.7 (Due: Critical review of a book on Bible study)
Feb 24:  Prayer 2.1 and 2.2
Mar 3:   Prayer 2.3
Mar 10:  SPRING BREAK
Mar 17:  Prayer 2.4 and 2.5
Mar 24:  Mid-Term Exam
Mar 31:  Prayer 2.6 and 2.7 (Due: Critical review of a book on prayer)
Apr 7:   Worship 3.1
Apr 14:  Worship 3.2 and 3.3
Apr 21:  BMA of AMERICA
Apr 28:  Worship 3.4 and 3.5
May 5:   Worship 3.6 and 3.7 (Due: Critical review of a book on worship)
May 12:  FINAL EXAM (i.e., Spiritual Journal)