

Discipleship

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

Examining the discipling techniques of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles

Identifying the basic needs of disciples

Training in the various stages of development of growth for faithful disciples

COURSE RESULTS

Students will understand and be able to elucidate the discipling techniques of our Lord and the Apostles.

Students will commit key passages related to discipleship to memory.

Students will know how to effectively deal with disciples at the various stages of their growth.

Students will put the lessons learned in class to practical use in the field during the semester.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1/28	Introduction, Need for Discipleship	---
2/4	Jesus the Discippler, Part 1	Practicum Report; John 17 reading
2/11	Jesus the Discippler, Part 2	Practicum Report
2/18	Jesus the Discippler, Part 3	Practicum Report
2/25	Discipleship in the Early Church	Practicum Report
3/3	Making Disciples	Practicum Report
3/10	Training Objectives – Basic Needs	Practicum Report; Matthew reading
3/17	Training Objectives – Basic Needs	Practicum Report
3/24	Spring Recess	---
3/31	Milk to Meat	Practicum Report <i>for two weeks</i>
4/7	Developing Workers, Part 1	Text Due
4/14	Developing Workers, Part 2	Practicum Report
4/21	Developing Leadership, Part 1	Practicum Report
4/28	NO CLASS – Presbytery Travel	---
5/5	Developing Leadership, Part 2	<i>Practicum Report for two weeks, Paper Due</i>
5/12	Final Exam	Practicum Report

Course Requirements

READING – 25%

Bill Hull, *Jesus Christ Disciple Maker*. Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming J. Revell Company, 1984. Reprint edition, with study guide, 1990. ISBN 0-8007-1636-1

Scripture Readings: John 17 (read 10x); Matthew 4:18-25:46 (3x). Due as noted above.

MEMORY WORK – 15%

You must memorize Acts 18:24-28 and Hebrews 5:11-6:3, 7-8 (any conservative translation – please specify).

- Memory work must be written in the presence of a proctor and submitted anytime in April.

PRACTICUM – 20%

Working under the guidance of your church leadership, take on a discipleship ministry with either an individual or a group in the church or community at large (your family is also an appropriate group with which to work). Put your goals, methods, and time frame (1-3 months in duration) into writing and submit it to me via email at lepine@gmail.com by the second week of class. I will approve it for the purposes of our class, and then require a detailed report on your work in which you evaluate goal achievement, methodology, and problem-solving through the course of your ministry.

PAPER – 20%

Write a 2000 word essay dealing with the one of the following topics:

- Bringing children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord
- Critique the “mentorship” model of discipleship as currently practiced
- Jesus’ strategy for growing the Twelve outlined and explained
- Missions: Training national believers for independent leadership

Style is to be in conformity with the latest version of the current writing manual approved by WRS.

FINAL EXAM – 20%

The Final will cover lecture material only. You will take it in the last class period (I will be online), and submit it to me for grading that day.