

Course Description

This course is a pass-fail experience in a faculty led learning context. Students in the course will meet weekly for accountability, mentoring, discussion, and spiritual formation by participating and leading weekly meetings. Students will comprehend a variety of Christian devotional practices by completing specific assignments on basic spiritual disciplines. This course is designed to be taken during a student's first semester. [**See note below.]

**Students registered for DISC5170 will automatically be registered for DISC5171 with the same professor, at the same time, the following semester if DISC 5171 is required for the student's degree plan.

Student Learning Outcomes

In order to provide moral leadership by modeling and mentoring Christian character and devotion and in order to stimulate church health through mobilizing the church for discipleship, the student, by the end of the course should:

1. Comprehend the following concepts: The marks of a disciple as something beyond the point of salvation.
 - Effective methods of becoming a disciple and of making disciples.
 - The relationship between spiritual maturity and spiritual disciplines.
 - Christian devotional practices or disciplines.
2. Have a positive response to the following concepts: A life-long intentional devotional discipline for lifelong spiritual growth and benefit to the kingdom of God.
 - A meaningful and maturing relationship with God.
 - Christian community in a small group setting.
 - A personal commitment to basic devotional practices.
3. Be able to, with the help of resources, accomplish the following tasks: Develop a plan for personal discipleship and assist others to develop a personal discipleship plan.
 - Practice appropriate disciplines of the Christian faith.
4. Have an appropriate perception as how to lead small discipleship groups.

Selected Textbook

Whitney, Donald S. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. revised and expanded edition. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2014.

Course Assignments/Requirements

1. **Class Attendance:** Participate in all class discussions and meetings.
2. **Leadership:** Read the assigned textbooks and additional class material while also leading at least one class discussion of an assigned chapter.
3. **Journaling:** Keep a journal of your spiritual journey throughout the course and complete the assignments given by the professor for the spiritual journal. The journal is to be your thoughts/reflections about your spiritual journey. Also, the professor will provide guiding questions and thought-provoking topics for reflection. The student is to journal 4 times weekly with a paragraph (3-5 sentences) minimum each entry. The journal will not be read by the professor but only briefly checked for completion.
4. **Scripture Memory:** Memorize and recite on specified dates (weeks) assigned Bible verses.
5. **Reflection Paper:** Write a three-page reflection paper at the end of the semester.

Course Evaluation

The course is offered on a pass/fail basis as follows:

Journal	35 %
Discussion Session leadership	20 %
Class Attendance/Participation	15 %
Reflection Paper	30 %

Absences and Late Assignments

In accordance with seminary policy, a student will automatically fail the course if he or she incurs more than **three absences**. The student handbook should be consulted regarding further information about seminary policies for absences. Late assignments automatically will be penalized a letter grade and may receive additional penalties depending on the amount of time the assignment is late.

Emergency Plan

In the event of a hurricane or other emergency, go to the seminary web site for information: www.nobts.edu Also, students should use Blackboard to follow any announcements that may be posted. Students should ensure their current email address is updated on Blackboard.

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BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.

ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.

504.816.8180 - Call for any technical questions/support requests.

www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Sample Course Presentation Schedule

		Discussion Leader
Week 1	Course Overview	
Week 2	Whitney, ch. 1	Dr. Rice
Week 3	Whitney, ch. 2	student
Week 4	Whitney, ch. 3	student
Week 5	Whitney, ch. 4	student
Week 6	Whitney, ch. 5	student
Week 7	Whitney, ch. 6	student
	Fall Break	
Week 8	Whitney, ch. 7	Dr. Rice
Week 9	Whitney, ch. 8	student
Week 10	Whitney, ch. 9	student
Week 11	Whitney, ch. 10	student
Week 12	Whitney, ch. 11	student
	Thanksgiving Break - No Class	
Week 13	Whitney, ch. 12 Reflection Paper Due Journal Review	student
Week 14	Whitney, ch. 13	Dr. Rice

Memory Verses

Gal. 2:20	week 3
Phil. 3:10	week 4
Rom. 12:1-2	week 5
Jos. 1:8	week 6
Phil. 4:6-7	week 7
Heb. 10:24-25	week 8
Mt. 28:18-20	week 9
Col. 3:17	week 10

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