

DISC5171, Spiritual Formation 2
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Mission Statement

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Course Purpose, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies Addressed

The purpose of this course is to provide theological training designed to enhance a student's potential of development of their character to be more Christ-like, and to learn and practice methods of discipleship. With an emphasis on the core value of Doctrinal Integrity, students will be challenged to see how both personally and in the corporate life of the church body, they can have a part in changing the world through becoming more Christ-like. This course will specifically address the competencies of interpersonal skills, servant leadership, and spiritual/character formation.

Course Description

This course is the second of two semester-long, pass-fail experiences in a faculty-mentored group. The group will meet an hour weekly for accountability, mentoring, discussion, and spiritual formation in the company of others. It will include specific assignments from a variety of Christian devotional practices. This course is designed to be taken the semester immediately following DISC5170.

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.

Course Teaching Methodology

This course will use reading, discussion and practical exercises and assignments to enhance the development of Christ's character in the student's life.

Textbooks

(Required) Scazzero, Peter. *The Emotionally Healthy Church* (2010)
 (Required) Thomas, Gary. *Devotions for a Sacred Marriage*

Course Requirements

1. Participate in all class discussions, exercises and meetings.
2. Read the assigned readings (2 required books)
3. Each couple will have two devotional times together weekly (minimum of 15 minutes). Agree together what two days and what time you will do your devotion regularly. During this time please
 - a. read the devotion in the Sacred Marriage book for the week (outloud)
 - b. one of you state a truth or insight you get from the devotion.
 - c. Include a time of prayer in your devotion time together and the partner that did not state the truth will pray for the other partner or for their relationship about that truth.
 - d. The second meeting of the week, read the same devotion again, but this time the second partner will share a truth or insight. Follow the same prayer instructions.
 - e. Keep a running list of insights for each week. In the last half of the semester we will ask each couple to share one (each) of their insights and how God has answered that prayer.
4. Scripture memory: We will memorize Philippians 2:1-18. We will work on it in class, as well as working on it as a couple. Please commit to review your verses as a couple a minimum of two times a week.

Course Evaluation

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

- Textbook discussion and exercises 25%
- Class participation 25%
- Devotional time 25%
- Scripture memory 25%

Reading and Assignment Schedule

Date	Scazzero	Thomas	Philippians
Jan 22			
Jan 29	Ch 1 & 2	17	2:1
Feb 5	Ch 3 & 4	18	2:2
Feb 12	Ch 5	19	2:3
Feb 19		20	2:4
Feb 26	Ch 6	21	2:5-6
Mar 5		22	2:7-8
Mar 12	Ch 7	23	
Mar 19		24	
Mar 26	Spring Break	25	2:9
Apr 2	Ch 8	26	2:10
Apr 9		27	2:11
Apr 16	Ch 9	28	2:12-13
Apr 23	Ch 10	29	2:14-15
Apr 30	Ch 11	30	2:16
May 7	Ch 12	31	2:17-18

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