



DISC5171 Spiritual Formation II

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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.

Core Value Focus

The seminary has five core values. The core value focus for 2015-2016 is *Mission Focus*. This course supports the five core values of the seminary.

1. **Doctrinal Integrity:** Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. Our confessional commitments are outlined in the "Articles of Religious Belief" and the "Baptist Faith and Message 2000." This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity by emphasizing Scripture as the guide for doctrine and personal discipleship.
2. **Spiritual Vitality:** We are a worshipping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word. This course addresses Spiritual Vitality by encouraging growth in a personal commitment toward spiritual discipleship.
3. **Mission Focus:** We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries. This course addresses Mission Focus by emphasizing spiritual formation as foundational to fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments.
4. **Characteristic Excellence:** What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This course addresses Characteristic Excellence by encouraging students to be a spiritually prepared disciple in order to be an effective minister for Christ.
5. **Servant Leadership:** We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us. This course addresses Servant Leadership by modeling the example of Jesus through nurture and encouragement.

Curriculum Competencies

The seminary has seven curriculum competencies: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Discipleship Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. This course addresses four competencies directly and three indirectly.

1. Discipleship Making: by teaching and modeling the principles of discipleship
2. Interpersonal Skills: through interaction among students within the group
3. Servant Leadership: by modeling and reflecting the attitude of Christ in the life of a disciple
4. Spiritual and Character Formation: through the discussion and practice of spiritual disciplines

Course Description

This course is the first 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.

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. Be able to apply the following concepts to provide moral leadership and stimulate church health:
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.
The variety of Christian devotional practices or disciplines.
2. Value the following concepts:
A life-long intentional devotional discipline for spiritual growth and benefit to the kingdom of God.
A meaningful and maturing relationship of God.
Christian community in a small group setting.
A personal commitment to basic devotional practices.
A personal commitment to covenant marriage and personal holiness.
3. Be able to accomplish the following tasks:
Develop a plan for his/her own discipleship and assist others to develop a personal discipleship plan.
Practice appropriate discipleship of the Christian faith.
4. Be ready to lead small discipleship groups.

Textbooks

1. The Bible in a modern version.
2. Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*.

Course Requirements

The student will:

1. Attend and participate in class meetings and discussions.
2. Complete the reading assignments in the assigned text.
3. Lead the class in one class discussion on an assigned chapter in the textbook.
4. Keep a spiritual journal. 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.)
5. 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/Reading.	15 %
Reflection Paper.	30 %

Absences and Late Assignments

In accordance with seminary policy, any student with more than **three absences** will fail the course. The student hand book should be consulted regarding information about absence policy. Late assignments automatically will be penalized a letter grade and may receive additional penalties.

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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Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)

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](tel:504.816.8180) - Call for any technical questions/support requests.
www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Course Schedule

Jan	21	Week 1 - Introduction to Course
	28	Week 2 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “The Spiritual Disciplines: Door to Liberation”
Feb	4	Week 3 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Meditation”
	11	Week 4 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Prayer”
	18	Week 5 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Fasting”
	25	Week 6 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Study”
Mar	3	Week 7 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Simplicity”
	10	Week 8 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Solitude”
Mar 14-18		Spring Break - No Classes
	24	Week 9 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Submission”
	31	Week 10 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Service”
Apr	7	Week 11 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Confession”
	14	Week 12 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Worship”
	21	Week 13 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Guidance”
	28	Week 14 - <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> , “Celebration”
May	5	Week 15 - Concluding Matters

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