



DISC5171-30 SPIRITUAL FORMATION II

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Center for the Americas ♦ Miami, FL
Spring 2015 ♦ Mondays 11:00 am-12:50 p.m.
1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/30, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11

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Syllabus

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 and Curriculum Competencies:

The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. This course supports the five core values emphasized by the seminary. The core value for this semester is 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.”

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 all curriculum competencies.

Course Description:

This course is the second of 2 semester-long, pass-fail experiences in a faculty-mentored group. The group will meet for two hours bi-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 immediately following DISC5170.

Course Objectives/ 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 to how to lead small discipleship groups.

Course Teaching Methodology:

The professor will use dialog and discussion as the main vehicles of the mentoring process. There will be personal and group interchange between students and professor both in class and online. The emphasis is not on lecturing from professor but on student led participation in group discussions of materials of course.

Textbooks:

The Bible (A different translation than the one student always uses);

Jethani, Skye. *The Divine Commodity: Discovering a Faith Beyond Consumer Christianity*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2009.

Willard, Dallas. *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God*. New York, NY: Harper One, 1997.

Course Requirements:

The students are required to:

1. Maintain a Daily Bible Reading/Devotional plan for the semester. **Due Date: February 9, 2015.**
2. Write and submit **two** one half-page devotions based on two Bible verses or passage selections. **Due Date: March 9, 2015.**
3. Read the course textbooks and write two page reviews for each. **Due Date: April 27, 2015.**

4. Keep a Reflection Journal for each chapter of the textbooks. Use the study guides in the textbooks as a resource for the journal. **Submit the journal to the professor by April 27, 2015.**
5. Meet with a local “Spiritual” Friend/Mentor once a month for prayer and discussion of the student’s reflections in his/her journal. The student should share reflections at an appropriate level of comfort and confidentiality. List the name of the friend/mentor in the front of the journal.
6. Complete a final exam/reflection paper. **Due Date: April 27, 2015.**
7. The learner will complete all reflection and discussion activities on Blackboard.

Course Evaluation:

The course is offered on a pass-fail basis. The student’s final grade will be Determined as follows:

Scripture reading certification	20%
Two half-page devotions	20%
Journal on textbook chapters	20%
Blackboard participation	20%
Final exam/reflection paper	20%

Other Important Information:

1. **Assignments turned in past the due date will incur a late penalty of five points, which will be deducted from the assignment grade. Assignments will not be accepted more than one week past the due date without permission.**
2. **Absences:** The maximum number of absences that can be taken without failure are three (3) classroom hours for an one hour course. (see Graduate Catalog, p. 142)
3. **Meeting Places:** At the discretion of the professor the classes will meet in different places to experience different settings. Professor will email notifications of the meeting places in advance and will provide instructions for arrangements for all to participate.
4. **Please note the final exam/reflection paper will be sent to professor via internet by April 27, 2015.**

Important Dates:

Jan. 26 – First day of class
 Feb 9 – Skye ch. 1; Willard ch. 1
 Feb. 23 – Skye ch. 2&3; Willard ch. 2,3
 March 9 – Skye ch. 4&5; Willard ch.4,5
 March 23-27 – Spring Break; No Classes
 March 30 – Skye ch. 6&7; Willard ch.6
 April 13 – Skye ch. 8; Willard ch.7
 April 27 – Skye ch. 9; Willard ch. 8,9
 May 11 – Last class period; Skye Epilogue; Willard ch.10; Final Exam Day

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