

DISC 5171
Spiritual Formation II
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
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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 Values: Focus and Curriculum Competencies:

1. The Curriculum Competencies addressed will include Disciple Making and Servant Leadership.
2. The Core Values of the Seminary include:

Doctrinal Integrity	Characteristic Excellence
Spiritual Vitality	Servant Leadership
Mission Focus	

Each school year one of the core values is highlighted. That annual Core value will be emphasized during the course.

Course Description:

This course is the second of 2 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 immediately following DISC5170.

Course Objectives:

1. The learner will grow in his/her biblical understanding of spiritual maturation (i.e., what is often referred to as 'discipleship').
2. The learner will be challenged to develop a strong personal commitment to a discipling lifestyle (i.e. basic devotional practices).
3. The learner will develop skills in leading discipleship groups and consider such groups as part of the discipleship strategy of a local Church ministry.

Textbooks:

Students are encouraged to explore the variety of resources useful for spiritual formation.

The following textbooks are required (will be used in assignments):

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

Devotional Classics: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups. Edited by Richard J. Foster and James Bryan Smith. San Francisco, CA: Harper San Francisco, Revised 2005.

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

Course Requirements:

The students are required to:

1. Maintain a Daily Bible Reading/Devotional plan for the semester. **Due Date: February 7, 2010.**
2. Write and submit **two** one half-page devotions based on two Bible verses or passage selections. **Due Date: March 7, 2010.**
3. Read the course textbooks and write one page reviews. **Due Date: April 25, 2010.**
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 May 2, 2010.**
5. Meet with a local "Spiritual" Friend/Mentor once a week 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: May 2, 2010.**
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 25, 2011.**

Important Dates:

Jan. 24 – First day of class
Feb 7 – Skye ch. 1; Foster Section 1
Feb. 21 – Skye ch. 2&3; Foster Section 2
March 7 – Skye ch. 4&5; Foster Section 3
March 14-18 – Spring Break; No Classes
March 21 – Skye ch. 6&7; Foster Section 4
April 4 – Skye ch. 8; Foster Section 5
April 18 – Skye ch. 9; Foster Section 6
May 2 – Last class period; Skye Epilogue; Foster Section 7; Final Exam Day
May 14 – Graduation Exercises

Selected Bibliography:

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Spring Semester Bible Reading Plan

January 19, 2010 – May 15, 2011

JANUARY

- 19 1 Samuel 13:23-14:52, John 5:1-23, Psalm 64:1-6, Proverbs 14:5-7
- 20 1 Samuel 15:1-16:23, John 5:24-47, Psalm 64:7-10, Proverbs 14:8-9
- 21 1 Samuel 17:1-58, John 6:1-21, Psalm 65:1-8, Proverbs 14:10-12
- 22 1 Samuel 18:1-19:24, John 6:22-40, Psalm 65:9-13, Proverbs 14:13-14
- 23 1 Samuel 20:1-21:15, John 6:41-59, Psalm 66:1-7, Proverbs 14:15-16
- 24 1 Samuel 22:1-23:29, John 6:60-7:9, Psalm 66:8-15, Proverbs 14:17-19
- 25 1 Samuel 24:1-25:44, John 7:10-30, Psalm 66:16-20, Proverbs 14:20-22
- 26 1 Samuel 26:1-28:25, John 7:31-53, Psalm 67:1-7, Proverbs 14:23-25
- 27 1 Samuel 29:1-31:13, John 8:1-20, Psalm 68:1-6, Proverbs 14:26-28
- 28 2 Samuel 1:1-2:32, John 8:21-41, Psalm 68:7-14, Proverbs 14:29-30
- 29 2 Samuel 3:1-4:12, John 8:42-9:7, Psalm 68:15-19, Proverbs 14:31-32
- 30 2 Samuel 5:1-6:23, John 9:8-27, Psalm 68:20-27, Proverbs 14:33-35
- 31 2 Samuel 7:1-9:13, John 9:28-10:6, Psalm 68:28-31, Proverbs 15:1-3

FEBRUARY

- 1 2 Samuel 10:1-11:27, John 10:7-30, Psalm 68:32-35, Proverbs 15:4-5
- 2 2 Samuel 12:1-13:39, John 10:31-11:6, Psalm 69:1-4, Proverbs 15:6-7
- 3 2 Samuel 14:1-15:37, John 11:7-20, Psalm 69:5-12, Proverbs 15:8-9
- 4 2 Samuel 16:1-17:29, John 11:21-44, Psalm 69:13-18, Proverbs 15:10-11
- 5 2 Samuel 18:1-19:23, John 11:45-12:11, Psalm 69:19-28, Proverbs 15:12-13
- 6 2 Samuel 19:24-21:22, John 12:12-33, Psalm 69:29-36, Proverbs 15:14-15
- 7 2 Samuel 22:1-23:7, John 12:34-13:11, Psalm 70:1-5, Proverbs 15:16-17
- 8 2 Samuel 23:8-24:25, John 13:12-38, Psalm 71:1-8, Proverbs 15:18-19
- 9 1 Kings 1:1-53, John 14:1-21, Psalm 71:9-16, Proverbs 15:20-21
- 10 1 Kings 2:1-46, John 14:22-15:10, Psalm 71:17-24, Proverbs 15:22-23
- 11 1 Kings 3:1-4:34, John 15:11-16:4, Psalm 72:1-7, Proverbs 15:24-25
- 12 1 Kings 5:1-6:38, John 16:5-33, Psalm 72:8-14, Proverbs 15:26-27
- 13 1 Kings 7:1-51, John 17:1-26, Psalm 72:15-20, Proverbs 15:28-29
- 14 1 Kings 8:1-66, John 18:1-23, Psalm 73:1-6, Proverbs 15:30-31
- 15 1 Kings 9:1-10:29, John 18:24-19:3, Psalm 73:7-12, Proverbs 15:32-33
- 16 1 Kings 11:1-12:11, John 19:4-24, Psalm 73:13-20, Proverbs 16:1-2
- 17 1 Kings 12:12-13:34, John 19:25-42, Psalm 73:21-28, Proverbs 16:3-4
- 18 1 Kings 14:1-15:34, John 20:1-20, Psalm 74:1-6, Proverbs 16:5-7
- 19 1 Kings 16:1-17:24, John 20:21-21:9, Psalm 74:7-11, Proverbs 16:8-10
- 20 1 Kings 18:1-46, John 21:10-25, Psalm 74:12-17, Proverbs 16:11-12
- 21 1 Kings 19:1-20:43, Acts 1:1-26, Psalm 74:18-23, Proverbs 16:13-15
- 22 1 Kings 21:1-22:23, Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 75:1-10, Proverbs 16:16-17
- 23 1 Kings 22:24- 2 Kings 1:18, Acts 2:22-47, Psalm 76:1-6, Proverbs 16:18-19
- 24 2 Kings 2:1-3:27, Acts 3:1-26, Psalm 76:7-12, Proverbs 16:20
- 25 2 Kings 4:1-5:14, Acts 4:1-22, Psalm 77:1-6, Proverbs 16:21-22

- 26 2 Kings 5:15-7:9, Acts 4:23-5:11, Psalm 77:7-12, Proverbs 16:23-24
 27 2 Kings 7:10-9:13, Acts 5:12-32, Psalm 77:13-20, Proverbs 16:25-26
 28 2 Kings 9:14-10:36, Acts 5:33-6:15, Psalm 78:1-8, Proverbs 16:27-28

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- 1 2 Kings 11:1-13:9, Acts 7:1-22, Psalm 78:9-16, Proverbs 16:29-30
 2 2 Kings 13:10-15:15, Acts 7:23-43, Psalm 78:17-22, Proverbs 16:31-33
 3 2 Kings 15:16-16:20, Acts 7:44-8:13, Psalm 78:23-31, Proverbs 17:1-2
 4 2 Kings 17:1-41, Acts 8:14-40, Psalm 78:32-39, Proverbs 17:3-4
 5 2 Kings Ki 18:1-19:19, Acts 9:1-22, Psalm 78:40-47, Proverbs 17:5-6
 6 2 Kings 19:20-21:26, Acts 9:23-43, Psalm 78:48-55, Proverbs 17:7-8
 7 2 Kings 22:1-23:37, Acts 10:1-23, Psalm 78:56-64, Proverbs 17:9-10
 8 2 Kings 24:25:30, Acts 10:24-48, Psalm 78:65-72, Proverbs 17:11-12
 9 1 Chronicles 1:1-2:2, Acts 11:1-30, Psalm 79:1-8, Proverbs 17:13-14
 10 1 Chronicles 2:3-55, Acts 12:1-25, Psalm 79:9-13, Proverbs 17:15-16
 11 1 Chronicles 3:1-4:43, Acts 13:1-22, Psalm 80:1-7, Proverbs 17:17
 12 1 Chronicles 5:1-6:32, Acts 13:23-41, Psalm 80:8-13, Proverbs 17:18-19
 13 1 Chronicles 6:33-81, Acts 13:42-14:7, Psalm 80:14-19, Proverbs 17:20-21
 14 1 Chronicles 7:1-8:28, Acts 14:8-28, Psalm 81:1-7, Proverbs 17:22-23
 15 1 Chronicles 8:29-9:44, Acts 15:1-21, Psalm 81:8-16, Proverbs 17:24-25
 16 1 Chronicles 10:1-11:47, Acts 15:22-41, Psalm 82:1-8, Proverbs 17:26
 17 1 Chronicles 12:1-13:14, Acts 16:1-24, Psalm 83:1-8, Proverbs 17:27-28
 18 1 Chronicles 14:1-16:6, Acts 16:25-17:9, Psalm 83:9-18, Proverbs 18:1-3
 19 1 Chronicles 16:7-17:15, Acts 17:10-34, Psalm 84:1-12, Proverbs 18:4-5
 20 1 Chronicles 17:16-20:8, Acts 18:1-23, Psalm 85:1-7, Proverbs 18:6-8
 21 1 Chronicles 21:1-23:13, Acts 18:24-19:20, Psalm 85:8-13, Proverbs 18:9-11
 22 1 Chronicles 23:14-24:31, Acts 19:21-41, Psalm 86:1-10, Proverbs 18:12-13
 23 1 Chronicles 25:1-26:32, Acts 20:1-21, Psalm 86:11-17, Proverbs 18:14-15
 24 1 Chronicles 27:1-28:21, Acts 20:22-21:6, Psalm 87:1-7, Proverbs 18:16-17
 25 1 Chronicles 29:1- 2 Chronicles 1:17, Acts 21:7-29, Psalm 88:1-9, Proverbs 18:18-19
 26 2 Chronicles 2:1-4:22, Acts 21:30-22:10, Psalm 88:10-18, Proverbs 18:20-21
 27 2 Chronicles 5:1-6:42, Acts 22:11-30, Psalm 89:1-10, Proverbs 18:22
 28 2 Chronicles 7:1-8:18, Acts 23:1-22, Psalm 89:11-18, Proverbs 18:23-24
 29 2 Chronicles 9:1-10:19, Acts 23:23-24:9, Psalm 89:19-29, Proverbs 19:1-3
 30 2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22, Acts 24:10-27, Psalm 89:30-37, Proverbs 19:4-5
 31 2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14, Acts 25:1-22, Psalm 89:38-45, Proverbs 19:6-7

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- 1 2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34, Acts 25:23-26:18, Psalm 89:46-52, Proverbs 19:8-9
 2 2 Chronicles 19:1-21:11, Acts 26:19-27:8, Psalm 90:1-12, Proverbs 19:10-12
 3 2 Chronicles 21:12-24:16, Acts 27:9-29, Psalm 90:13-17, Proverbs 19:13-14
 4 2 Chronicles 24:17-26:23, Acts 27:30-28:10, Psalm 91:1-8, Proverbs 19:15-16
 5 2 Chronicles 27:1-29:17, Acts 28:11-31, Psalm 91:9-16, Proverbs 19:17
 6 2 Chronicles 29:18-31:10, Romans 1:1-23, Psalm 92:1-7, Proverbs 19:18-19
 7 2 Chronicles 31:11-33:13, Romans 1:24-2:16, Psalm 92:8-15, Proverbs 19:20-21
 8 2 Chronicles 33:14-35:15, Romans 2:17-3:8, Psalm 93:1-5, Proverbs 19:22-23
 9 2 Chronicles 35:16- Ezra 1:1-11, Romans 3:9-31, Psalm 94:1-11, Proverbs 19:24-25

- 10 Ezra 2:1-70, Romans 4:1-25, Psalm 94:12-23, Proverbs 19:26-27
- 11 Ezra 3:1-5:17, Romans 5:1-21, Psalm 95:1-11, Proverbs 19:28-29
- 12 Ezra 6:1-7:28, Romans 6:1-23, Psalm 96:1-9, Proverbs 20:1
- 13 Ezra 8:1-9:15, Romans 7:1-25, Psalm 96:10-13, Proverbs 20:2-3
- 14 Ezra 10:1- Nehemiah 1:11, Romans 8:1-25, Psalm 97:1-6, Proverbs 20:4-6
- 15 Nehemiah 2:1-3:32, Romans 8:26-9:5, Psalm 97:7-12, Proverbs 20:7-9
- 16 Nehemiah 4:1-6:19, Romans 9:6-29, Psalm 98:1-9, Proverbs 20:10-12
- 17 Nehemiah 7:1-60, Romans 9:30-10:21, Psalm 99:1-9, Proverbs 20:13-15
- 18 Nehemiah 7:61-9:38, Romans 11:1-21, Psalm 100:1-5, Proverbs 20:16-18
- 19 Nehemiah 10:1-11:19, Romans 11:22-12:7, Psalm 101:1-8, Proverbs 20:19-21
- 20 Nehemiah 11:20-12:47, Romans 12:8-13:7, Psalm 102:1-11, Proverbs 20:22-23
- 21 Nehemiah 13:1 - Esther 1:22, Romans 13:8-14:12, Psalm 102:12-17, Proverbs 20:24-25
- 22 Esther 2:1-4:17, Romans 14:13-15:13, Psalm 102:18-22, Proverbs 20:26-27
- 23 Esther 5:1-7:10, Romans 15:14-33, Psalm 102:23-28, Proverbs 20:28-30
- 24 Esther 8:1-10:3, Romans 16:1-27, Psalm 103:1-5, Proverbs 21:1-3
- 25 Job 1:1-3:26, 1 Corinthians 1:1-19, Psalm 103:6-14, Proverbs 21:4-5
- 26 Job 4:1-6:10, 1 Corinthians 1:20-2:9, Psalm 103:15-22, Proverbs 21:6-7
- 27 Job 6:11-8:22, 1 Corinthians 2:10-3:15, Psalm 104:1-9, Proverbs 21:8-9
- 28 Job 9:1-10:22, 1 Corinthians 3:16-4:13, Psalm 104:10-15, Proverbs 21:10-11
- 29 Job 11:1-13:12, 1 Corinthians 4:14-5:13, Psalm 104:16-23, Proverbs 21:12-14
- 30 Job 13:13-15:13, 1 Corinthians 6:1-20, Psalm 104:24-30, Proverbs 21:15-16

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- 1 Job 15:14-17:16, 1 Corinthians 7:1-24, Psalm 104:31-35, Proverbs 21:17-19
- 2 Job 18:1-20:11, 1 Corinthians 7:25-40, Psalm 105:1-6, Proverbs 21:20-21
- 3 Job 20:12-21:34, 1 Corinthians 8:1-9:12, Psalm 105:7-15, Proverbs 21:22-24
- 4 Job 22:1-24:12, 1 Corinthians 9:13-10:5, Psalm 105:16-27, Proverbs 21:25-26
- 5 Job 24:13-27:23, 1 Corinthians 10:6-24, Psalm 105:28-36, Proverbs 21:27-28
- 6 Job 28:1-30:8, 1 Corinthians 10:25-11:16, Psalm 105:37-45, Proverbs 21:29-31
- 7 Job 30:9-31:40, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Psalm 106:1-12, Proverbs 22:1-2
- 8 Job 32:1-33:33, 1 Corinthians 12:1-20, Psalm 106:13-23, Proverbs 22:3-4
- 9 Job 34:1-35:16, 1 Corinthians 12:21-13:13, Psalm 106:24-31, Proverbs 22:5-6
- 10 Job 36:1-37:24, 1 Corinthians 14:1-25, Psalm 106:32-39, Proverbs 22:7-8
- 11 Job 38:1-39:12, 1 Corinthians 14:26-15:11, Psalm 106:40-48, Proverbs 22:9-10
- 12 Job 39:13-40:24, 1 Corinthians 15:12-34, Psalm 107:1-9, Proverbs 22:11-12
- 13 Job 41:1-42:17, 1 Corinthians 15:35-58, Psalm 107:10-16, Proverbs 22:13-14
- 14 Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:8, 1 Corinthians 16:1-24, Psalm 107:17-22, Proverbs 22:15-16
- 15 Ecclesiastes 3:9-6:12, 2 Corinthians 1:1-22, Psalm 107:23-32, Proverbs 22:17-19