

DISC5171-65
SPIRITUAL FORMATION 2
(1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2) 10-11:50 a.m.
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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

Spiritual Vitality

CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES ADDRESSED

Spiritual and Character Development

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 Spring semester immediately following DISC5170.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

As a result of this learning and growing experience, participants, deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ, should:

- deepen their understanding of the history and variety of practices of spiritual disciplines;
- demonstrate the desire for a meaningful and maturing relationship with God;
- experience the reality and value of Christian community in a small group setting;
- further develop their personal commitment to basic devotional practices through the daily choices and selected training exercises;
- display their ability to lead a small, discipleship group

COURSE TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Methodology will include reading/reflection on a text in the field through participation in class/group discussions; intense periods of personal spiritual preparation through the accountable exercising of various habits, practices, and disciplines; discernment and enlistment of, as well as time spent with an accountability partner; reflection and journaling of the journey; and the use of an integration paper to capture the various exercises, ideas, etc., reflecting on God's involvement in it all.

TEXTBOOKS

Bridges, Jerry. *The Pursuit of Holiness*. NAV Press. 2006 ISBN 157683932X

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. The learner will identify and enlist an accountability partner who meets the requirements of "full of grace, wisdom, and the Holy Spirit." The partner should be at least one step ahead of the learner along spiritual quest and should not be a spouse. The learner will meet with the accountability partner for at least 1 hour a week beginning the week of February 11 and continuing through the first week of May (approximately 12 meetings). The learner will provide a statement identifying said partner for the professor **on/before February 07, 2011**.
2. The learner will follow the weekly-announced reading plan of the texts, being prepared for classroom presentation/discussion.
3. The learner will write a 5 page, double-spaced, book report on a book concerning discipleship. The book report should include:
 - 1) Bibliographic Entry
 - 2) Two page summary of contents
 - 3) Three page application of contents to the learner's Christian life.
 The book should be approved by the teacher on or before **February 21**. The book reviews will be presented in class by each student.
4. The learner will design and prepare a 4-5 page, double-spaced, 1st-person integration paper. The paper should allow the learner opportunity to reflect on their experiences in class and their accountability group and record the transformation which has taken place in his/her life. **The paper is due: May 2, 2011.**

COURSE EVALUATION

This experience is a pass/fail course. The final grade decision will be made by the professor.

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