

Class Synopsis

Year 1:

How To Study The Bible: A course on how to study the Bible for yourself, not just taking the word of what others have said about the Bible but using the inductive study method to find out for oneself what the Bible says. The textbook is “How To Study Your Bible” by Kay Arthur.

The Spirit Helps Us Pray: This class will look at a historical study of prayer and then go on to explore the relevance of prayer in the life of today’s believer. The three main study sections in this class are: Prayer in the Old Testament, Prayer in the New Testament, and Prayer in contemporary practice. The book for this class is “The Spirit Helps Us Pray” by Robert L. Brandt and Zenas J. Bicket.

Expository Preaching: This class is about the development and the Delivery of expository messages. The textbook is “Biblical Preaching” by Haddon Robinson.

The Power Of The Call: This class is about reminding pastors and ministers of the nature and purpose of their call. We will see that God provides fully for every situation and need a pastor will face. It is a class to encourage pastors and other ministers to gain a fresh understanding of their call to be leaders of God’s people. The textbook is “The Power of The Call” by Henry Blackaby and Henry Brandt.

The Master Plan Of Evangelism: The student will learn through an examination of the Gospel accounts Christ’s ministry and strategy for carrying out evangelism. By emulating His pattern, the student will be prepared to minister to the specific needs of those God brings into their lives. The textbook for this class is “The Master Plan Of Evangelism” by Robert Coleman.

Light For The Journey: This is a study that provides the student with a contemporary way of reflecting on the great truths of the Christian faith. In this class we use as a basis the Fourteen Articles of Faith of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The textbook is “Light For The Journey” by A. D. Beacham Jr.

Character Matters: The student will learn how God can renew and restore personal character through a fresh look at the classical virtues of: courage, loyalty, diligence, modesty, frugality, honesty, meekness, reverence, and gratitude. The textbook for this class is “Character Matters” by Mark Rutland.

Biblical Counseling: This class is to give the student an array of information to help people who are in need. This class will not qualify you as a professional counselor but will give you tools from the bible to help those in need. The textbook for this class is “Biblical Counseling: A Quick Reference Guide” by Tim Clinton and Ron Hawkins.

History of The IPHC: In this class we will study the history of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The student will read about those who have seen the power of God manifested in transformed lives, amazing miracles, and selfless giving to those in need. The textbook is “Old Time Power” by Vinson Synan.

IPHC Manual: This class is a detailed look at the Manual of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

O.T. Survey/N.T. Survey: This is an intense survey course of the books of the Old and New Testaments. The textbooks for this class are “Encountering The Old Testament” and “Encountering The New Testament” by Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer.

Year 2:

Family Ministry: This class is designed to address critical issues facing the family as well as focus strongly on marriage and the marriage covenant. The textbook is “Effective Approaches To Family Ministry” by John Kie Vining.

Spiritual Disciplines: This course will help the student on his/her quest for godliness. It will guide the student through a carefully selected array of Disciplines like: prayer, serving, fasting, silence & solitude, etc. Practical suggestions for cultivating the disciplines will be offered. This class will provide a refreshing opportunity to embrace life’s greatest pursuit—the pursuit of holiness—through a lifelong delight in the disciplines. The textbook for this class is “Spiritual Disciplines For The Christian Life” by Donald S. Whitney.

An Introduction To Theology: This class deals with basic Christian doctrine. The text book is “Christian Doctrine’ three volumes by French L. Arrington.

The Beauty Of The Balance: In this class the student will study theology from an evangelical, Pentecostal perspective. This class is presenting a balance between evangelical and Pentecostal beliefs. The textbook for this class is “The Beauty Of The Balance” by Terry Tramel.

Parliamentary Law: This class is an attempt to provide the student with basic rules to parliamentary procedure. The textbook is “Roberts Rules In Plain English” by Doris P. Zimmerman.

Romans: In this study the student will see how the book of Romans spells out God’s plan of establishing His kingdom through the work of Jesus Christ. This kingdom living is to be lived out through the Holy Spirit each moment of each day. The textbook for this class is “Romans” from the Spirit-filled life New Testament Commentary Series, by David P. Seemuch.

1 & 2 Corinthians: The student will take a look at the history, customs, word meanings, and contemporary application of Paul's letters to the church at Corinth. The textbook for this class is "1 & 2 Corinthians" by Stanley M. Horton.

The Missional Leader: This class will give a clear model for leading the change necessary to create and foster a missional church focused outward to spread the message of the Gospel into the surrounding community. This class emphasizes principles rather than institutional forms, shows the student how to move away from "church as usual," and demonstrates what capacities, environments, and mindsets are required to lead a missional church. The textbook for this class is "The Missional Leader: Equipping Your Church to Reach a Changing World" by Alan Roxburgh and Fred Romanuk.

Developing The Leader Within You: This is a class that will help you find out what it takes to make a leader. It examines the differences between leadership styles and outlines principles for inspiring, motivating, and influencing others. It also examines how to be effective in the highest calling of leadership by understanding the five characteristics that set "leader managers" apart from "run-of-the-mill managers." The book for this class is "Developing The Leader Within You" by John Maxwell.

Ministerial Ethics: This course is to help us examine the moral and ethical responsibilities and challenges facing today's Spirit-filled ministers. It is a call to ministers and laypeople alike not only to believe in, but also to reflect God's love, God's justice, and God's righteousness (Jeremiah 9:24). The textbook is "Ministerial Ethics, A Guide For Spirit-Filled Leaders" by T Burton Pierce.

Church Administration: In this class the student will learn to become effective and efficient leaders, managers, and administrators by striving to meet biblical admonitions for administration and ministry practice. The textbook for this class is "Creating Efficiency for Effective Ministry: Church Administration" by Robert H. Welch.

Relational Leadership: In this class the student will explore what it means to be a servant leader. The student will learn how to influence others through vision, values, relationships and accountability. The textbook for this class is "Relational Leadership" by Walter C. Wright.

Year 3:

Introduction To World Missions: In this class the student will get a broad overview of the biblical, theological, and historical foundations for missions. The student will consider personal and practical issues involved in becoming a missionary, the process of getting to the mission field, and contemporary challenges a mission worker must face. The textbook for this class is "Introducing World Missions: A Biblical, Historical, and Practical Survey" by A. Scot Moreau, Gary R. Corwin and Gary B. McGee.

Church History: This class will look at key events that provide a framework for understanding the history of Christianity and present Christianity as a worldwide

phenomenon rather than just a Western experience. This class will provide a fuller understanding of God as he has revealed his purpose through the centuries. The textbook for this class is “Turning Points” by Mark A. Noll.

Receiving The Promise Of The Father: This course will help a person identify the roadblocks to individuals receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. By applying the biblical truths outlined in this book a person can receive the promise of the Father. The textbook is “Receiving the Promise of the Father” by Garnet E. Pike.

Gifts Of The Holy Spirit: This course will examine the lists of spiritual gifts found in the New Testament and highlight their distinctions. It draws a distinction between “ministry” gifts and “manifestation” gifts. The textbook is “Spiritual Gifts, Ministries and Manifestations” by B. E. Underwood.

The Life And Teachings Of Christ: This is a class that examines briefly the life and teachings of Christ. The student will look at a portrait of what Jesus achieved and how he did it. The textbook for this class is “Our Awesome Lord” by Frank G. Tunstall.

Scriptural Holiness: This class is designed to examine the biblical basis of Scriptural Holiness. In particular we examine the doctrine of Sanctification as taught by the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The textbook is “Scriptural Holiness” by Noel Brooks.

Thriving Churches: Using the analogy of the human body, this class explores the ten interacting systems that make up a healthy church body. If working together, these life-giving systems, which include spiritual energy, mentoring, and intentional evangelism, will help the church experience lasting spiritual growth and robust ministry. The textbook for this class is “Thriving Churches In The Twenty-first Century” by Gary L. McIntosh and R. Daniel Reeves.

Pastoral Ministry: A class designed to offer rich insight and generous affirmation that will enlighten, encourage, and equip the pastor. The textbook for this class is “Practical Guide For Pastoral Ministry” by Stan Toler.

Genesis: In this brief study the student will explore the beginnings of everything from creation, to man, to nations, to evil, etc. The student will also look at such issues as evolution, and marriage, etc. The textbook for this class is “Holman Commentary on Genesis” by Max Anders (General Editor), Kenneth O. Gangel and Stephen J. Bramer.

Isaiah: In this class you will find strength and comfort in times of trial, conquer fear when your world is shaking, enjoy a rich worship experience with God, and experience God’s comfort and love. The textbook for this class is “Be Comforted” by Warren Wiersbe.

Acts: This is a brief study of Acts looking at the beginning of the church. The student will study the impact of the Holy Spirit as seen through the apostles. The student will

also explore the life and journeys of the Apostle Paul. The textbook for this class is “Acts” by Stanley M. Horton.

Financial Peace: This class is to help the student to understand the forces behind financial distress, create a budget that really works, set achievable goals, and make things right for you and your family—financially, emotionally and spiritually—for good. The textbook for this class is “Financial Peace” by Dave Ramsey.