

Ohio Valley Course of Study

COS213 Formation of Discipleship

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Description of Course

- Emphasis on pastor's identity as servant and mentor, highlighting the need for pastors to be both teachers and learners.
- Examination of faith development in the light of location, economics, gender, ethnicity, age, generation and human relationships.
- Survey the major methodologies for Christian Education with special stress on developing small group ministries and on teaching scriptures, confirmation, and the basic doctrines of Christian faith
- Reflect upon the work of the church as formative Christian discipleship (personal piety and social justice) and developing an action plan for transforming the life of discipleship, congregation and community.
- Develop ability to assess critically curricular materials for theological content and appropriateness to ministry setting.

Textbooks

Brown, Carolyn C. **Developing Christian Education in the smaller church.** Nashville: Abingdon, 1993

Moore, Beth, **Believing God-Member book,** Life way Christian resource 2003-paperback

Glover Dan and Lavy, Claudia, **Deepening Your Effectiveness- Restructuring the local Church for Life Transformation,** Discipleship Resource Nashville-2006-paperback

Assignments

Prior to First Class Meeting on March 12

1. Beginning on February 11 up to March 11 experiment with you on personal spiritual growth by daily reading the Word of God in the following way. Begin with prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you if at this time in your life you need mostly to

- Feel God's comfort of your emotions- The Psalms
- Receive new wisdom – Proverbs
- Remember God's Power- Acts

You will need a spiral notebook to journal in daily.

- If reading the **Psalms** you will want to read more than one psalms a day and you will read until the Spirit touches you in some way.
- When reading Proverbs you will be able to finish the book by first day of class.
- When reading The Acts read until the Holy Spirit reveals something new to you each day.

Your journaling will be recorded in the following way-

Date-

Read today-

Best thing:

Why:

In the same spiral journal beginning on Feb. 14 and continuing weekly each Sunday write down all your prayer request and concerns for that week. Pray over these requests daily. The following week reread your prayers and dates the answered ones.

2. Complete the following pages in **Believing God**- member book Note this is not the hardback book but member book which is a workbook and can be purchased on-line at Life way - journal only in

1. Page 144-146
2. 149-151
3. 155-157
4. 161-163
5. 167-168
6. 174
7. 177- 178
8. 182
9. 187-188
10. 193-194
11. Most important page 200-202

3. Complete a two page narrative in which you are reflective of 2 formative spiritual experiences that occurred in each of the following –your childhood, youth and adult

life. Describe why those total of 6 experiences helped you grow spiritually at that time of your life.

4. Read the first section of Deepening Your Effectiveness- page 9-99.