

TIDEWATER BIBLE COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

DISCIPLESHIP FOUNDATIONS

MIN 103, 3rd Quarter - (2 credits)
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Thursday: 6:30 – 8:20 PM

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About the Instructor

Dr. Meyer comes to Tidewater Bible College (TBC) with more than 15 years of teaching experience as well as several years as an ordained Pastor serving our Lord in the Tidewater area. He has a passion for teaching God's Word and mentoring young adults as they grow in the Lord. Dr. Meyer and his wife Debbie have authored a book together to help couples improve their marriage and he enjoys helping others work through problems so they can return to actively serving our Lord. He is an expert in Biblical Finance and has taught several courses at a local church in Biblical Financial Management while also serving as the President of the Finance Committee. Dr. Meyer has joined the TBC team to lead the way into the next stage of TBC's growth developing online courses for all degree programs. He looks forward to the day when one student can say, "Thank you Lord for what I learned at TBC...and I never went to Virginia."

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an overview of biblical discipleship and how we should act as disciples in the 21st century, thus proclaiming the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, participants will:

1. Possess a broad understanding of biblical discipleship as understood by Christ and His disciples.
2. Possess a broad understanding of biblical discipleship as understood by the early church.

3. Develop and implement within one's own life what discipleship should be in the 21st century.
4. Be able to articulate what discipleship should be in the 21st century to new Christians.

Textbooks

Required:

Your Bible (Dr. Meyer will be using the Holman Christian Standard Bible)

Laan, Ray Vander.

2006 *In the Dust of the Rabbi*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI. – Cost \$11 available from instructor.

2006 *Walk as Jesus Walked*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI. – Cost \$11 available from instructor.

COURSE EVALUATION

1. **30% - In the Dust of the Rabbi Discover Guide** - During the week after the presentation of the material in class you will be expected to totally complete the "In Depth Personal Study Sessions" in the "In the Dust of the Rabbi Discovery Guide." These study sessions will assist you in understanding the material that has been presented and prepare you for the coming material to be presented in the next class. This book will be collected during the sixth class for grading. Spot checks will be done through the course to ascertain your accomplishment of the assigned material.
2. **30% - Walk as Jesus Walked Discover Guide** - During the week after the presentation of the material in class you will be expected to totally complete the "In Depth Personal Study Sessions" in the "Walk as Jesus Walked Discovery Guide." These study sessions will assist you in understanding the material that has been presented and prepare you for the coming material to be presented in the next class. This book will be collected during the tenth class for grading, which means that during the week prior to the last class you will need to complete the last chapter prior to reviewing the video in the series. Spot checks will be done through the course to ascertain your accomplishment of the assigned material.
3. **20% - Becoming a Disciple Paper**
 - a) Due Class Six
 - i. Using the information from the Discovery Guide and class discussions describe what "becoming a disciple" should mean in today's environment.
 - b) Approx. Time = 5 Hours
 - c) The paper will be 2-3 pages of content plus Cover Sheet and Bibliography. Double Spaced, 1" margins, 12 pix. Font. A minimum of three references outside of the Discovery Guides and the Bible are required.

- d) Present highlights from your paper in class (three minutes maximum). Do not read the paper.

4. 20% - Making Disciples Paper

- a) Due Class Ten
 - i. Using the information from the Discovery Guide and class discussions describe what is required to “make disciples” in today’s environment.
- b) Approx. Time = 10 Hours
- c) The paper will be 3-4 pages of content plus Cover Sheet and Bibliography. Double Spaced, 1” margins, 12 pix. Font. A minimum of four references outside of the Discovery Guides and the Bible are required.
- d) Present highlights from your paper in class (five minutes maximum). Do not read the paper.

Note: All work is expected to be presented with proper grammar, sentence structure, spelling, and punctuation (Turabian Style Guide). All assignments are to be completed and submitted on or before the assigned time. If late, the grade received for them will be no higher than a “B” in accordance with the school catalog.

GRADING SCALE

In order to earn credit for a course, participants must earn at least a “70%”. Percentage grades are converted into final grades according to the following scale:

A = 94-100	Excellent
B = 86-93	Above Average
C = 78-85	Average
D = 70-77	Passing
F = Below 70	Failing
W = Withdrawal	G.P.A. Not Affected

COURSE ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

Through lectures, presentations, class discussions, and videos, the instructor will seek to inspire a prayerful, reverent, discriminating, and eager spirit in pursuit of a greater understanding of Jesus, His Life and Ministry. Our **TENTATIVE** schedule is as follows:

Date	Class Content	Assignments Due
Class 1 3/3/2011	Take notes in class on <i>When the Rabbi Says “Come”</i> from <i>In the Dust of the Rabbi</i> .	◆ None
Class 2 3/10/2011	Take notes in class on <i>When the Rabbi Says “Go”</i> from <i>In the Dust of the Rabbi</i> .	◆ Complete “Discovery Guide” entries associated with <i>When the Rabbi Says “Come”</i>

Class 3 3/17/2011	Take notes in class on <i>The Presence of God: A Counter-Cultural Community</i> from <i>In the Dust of the Rabbi</i> . Growth profile #1	◆ Complete "Discovery Guide" entries associated with <i>When the Rabbi Says "Go"</i> .
Class 4 3/24/2011	Take notes in class on <i>Living Stones</i> from <i>In the Dust of the Rabbi</i> .	◆ Complete "Discovery Guide" entries associated with <i>The Presence of God: A Counter-Cultural Community</i> .
Class 5 3/31/2011	Take notes in class on <i>The Very Words of God</i> from <i>In the Dust of the Rabbi</i> .	◆ Complete "Discovery Guide" entries associated with <i>Living Stones</i> .
Class 6 4/7/2011	Take notes in class on <i>Run!: The Passion of Elijah</i> from <i>Walk as Jesus Walked</i> . Present highlights from your paper. Hand in your "Becoming a Disciple Paper." Hand in your completed Discovery Guide Growth profile #2	◆ Complete "Discovery Guide" entries associated with <i>The Very Words of God</i> . ◆ Complete and turn in your "Becoming a Disciple" paper.
Class 7 4/14/2011	Take notes in class on <i>Learning to Walk Like Jesus: Paul's Journey to Rome</i> from <i>Walk as Jesus Walked</i> .	◆ Complete "Discovery Guide" entries associated with <i>Run!: The Passion of Elijah</i> .
Spring Break – April 18-22, 2011		
Class 8 4/28/2011	Take notes in class on <i>An Unlikely Disciple</i> from <i>Walk as Jesus Walked</i> .	◆ Complete "Discovery Guide" entries associated with <i>Learning to Walk Like Jesus: Paul's Journey to Rome</i> .
Class 9 5/5/2011	Take notes in class on <i>Why Christians Suffer: The Weight of Gethsemane</i> from <i>Walk as Jesus Walked</i> . Growth profile #3	◆ Complete "Discovery Guide" entries associated with <i>An Unlikely Disciple</i> .

Class 10 5/12/2011	Take notes in class on <i>Don't Forget Us</i> from <i>Walk as Jesus Walked</i> . Present highlights from your paper. Hand in your "Making Disciples Paper." Hand in your completed Discovery Guides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Complete "Discovery Guide" entries associated with <i>Why Christians Suffer: The Weight of Gethsemane</i> and <i>Don't Forget Us</i>. ◆ Complete and turn in your "Making Disciples" paper.
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**** **NOTE:** The above schedule is **TENTATIVE**. There is much material to cover, Readings and topics might change as needed.

TIDEWATER BIBLE COLLEGE GROWTH PROFILE

Tidewater Bible College courses are designed to encourage firm discipleship essentials (100 Level), Christian Service Awareness (200 Level), Ministry Lifestyle Exploration (300 Level), and Ministry Leadership Formation (400 Level). It is our goal that upon graduation every Tidewater Bible participant would be "more profitable" to serve the Kingdom of God (Philemon 1:10-12). Each class is designed to help participants achieve various aspects of the participant profile. The following will be addressed in this particular course:

1. A Hunger to Know and Enjoy God's Presence. (2 Corinthians 3:17; Matthew 6:33)
2. A Passion to Know and Do God's Word. (2 Timothy 3:16; Acts 20:27)
3. A Life of Spirit-Directed Compassion (James 1:22; Luke 10:33-37)

CHRIST-HONORING CONDUCT

Participants are expected to be Christ-honoring examples while learning together at Tidewater Bible College. The campus area should be maintained by staff, faculty, and participants as a smoke-free, drug-free, dishonesty-free, profanity-free environment. Participants are expected to avoid language and behavior which appears to discriminate, harass, or harm on the basis of ethnicity, gender, religious affiliation or age. Rather, participants should overwhelmingly offer concern, respect, blessing, protection, and encouragement to one another and to all people. A vibrant community of faith and learning—where Christ's love and holiness are flourishing—is the responsibility of all staff, faculty, and participants.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Note: The following resources are listed for the student's future study and while not intended for use in this course reference may and will be made to many of them during the course of instruction.

Barna, George.

2000. *Growing True Disciples*. Issachar Resources, Ventura, CA.

2000. *Re-churching the Unchurched*. Issachar Resources, Ventura, CA.

2003. *Think Like Jesus*. Issachar Resources, Ventura, CA.
- Bass, Dorothy C. editor.
1997. *Practicing Our Faith*. Jossey-Bass, San Francisco.
- Bell, James S. and Stan Campbell.
2001. *No-Brainer's Guide to How Christians Live*. Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., IL.
- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich.
1976. *The Cost of Discipleship*. Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc, New York.
- Getz, Gene A.
1975. *The Measure of a Church*. G/L Publications, Glendale, CA.
- Greenwold, Doug
2007. *The Rest of the Story*. Bible in Context Ministries, Columbia, MD.

2007. *Making Disciples Jesus' Way*. Bible in Context Ministries, Columbia, MD.
- Harper, Michael.
1977. *Let My People Grow*. Logos International, Plainfield, NJ.
- Joyner, Rick.
1996. *The Final Quest*. Morning Star Publications, Charlotte, NC.
- Marcellino, Jerry.
2000. *Rediscovering the Lost Treasure of Family Worship*. Audubon Press, Laurel, MS.
- Mintle, Linda.
2002. *Breaking Free From Stress*. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Appleton, WI.
- Piper, John.
2004. *Seeking and Savoring Jesus Christ*. Crossway Books, Wheaton, IL.
- Stott, John R. W.
1978. *Christian Counter-Culture*. InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL.
- Watson, Gayle Turner.
2000. *Guide for Covenant Discipleship Groups*. Discipleship Resources, Nashville, TN.