



School of Ministry Course Catalog

40 Days with the Holy Spirit

Believe it or not, the Holy Spirit is in fact a person. The third trinity of God-head, the Holy Spirit has a personable function within the believer. Through this course, derived directly from the book 40 Days with the Holy Spirit, you will learn who the Holy Spirit is and in turn experience him at a deeper level. This course will cover basics teachings, such as his purpose, and unveil new findings such as factors that can provoke or hinder the operation of the Holy Spirit. At the end of this course, the authentic living and breathing persona of the Holy Spirit will be viewed in a light that shines not just for 40 days, but for eternity.

Basics of Prophetic and Apostolic Ministry

The Apostle and Prophet are two ascension gifts that work closely together in leading the local assembly. While some may disagree, the offices of the Prophet and the Apostle are still active in the Church today. The Bible teaches that the Kingdom of God was established on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets (Eph 2:20). This course will take a biblical approach to determine how the two offices are still relevant and how they serve within the local church. At the end of this course, you will be able to clearly explain the roles of the Apostle and Prophet and why they are necessary.

Ascension Gifts

Ascensions gifts, also known as grace gifts, can be considered a driving force in the operation of the universal Church. Despite popular belief, the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher are not titles as been cultured by man, but are just what they are called--gifts, given by Jesus Christ. While some controversy may exist on the continued manifestation of some of the gifts in the New Testament Church, there is no doubt that they are all still thriving today. This course will paint a clear picture of the basic functions of each gift as depicted in Ephesians 4, and give biblical insights to their "equipping" nature and proof that they are still active today

Comparative Religions

This class, Comparative Religions, we will be comparing major world religions to Biblical Christianity. When doing this we will be asking ourselves "So What's The Difference?" hence we will be using the book by that name authored by Fritz Ridenour. During this class we will learn about Christianity including how Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy is different, followed by other major world religions like Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jehovah's Witness, Mormonism, and etc. This is note a class for new converts but a course enable seasoned believers defend their faith.

Text Book: So What's The Difference? By Fritz Ridenour

Optional book: The Kingdom of Cults by Walter Martin

Spiritual Protocol I

Protocols of the kingdom govern rules of conduct and acceptable behavior that is clearly laid out in God's Word. In any great kingdom and especially in the kingdom of God there must be order and protocol to ensure respect and honor for authority is observed at all times. Divine order must be in place to assure the local church operates without dysfunction, contention and chaos. In this class you will learn principles and practices to embrace and apply regarding protocol that will bring honor and glory to God. Once spiritual protocols are embraced completely church etiquette will return to the house of God!

Spiritual Protocol II

Attitudes can affect our success not only in the natural but also in spiritual things. We must have the proper attitude toward our God-appointed leadership. We must be willing to follow and submit to spiritual leadership in our local church. Role recognition within the church is vital. If we have no clear perspective on the role we play we will not play that role well. No role is too small or insignificant. Knowing where we fit in and how we can best lend support to the ministry will aide in ministry growth and success. This course will cover identifying your role and developing the proper attitude to support ministry.

Continued Witness Training (Evangelism)

"and he who wins souls is wise" Proverbs 11:30. Are we wise for winning souls? The answer is yes but even still it takes wisdom for the strategy to win souls. Sharing our testimony and what God has done for us personally is a powerful tool for drawing individuals to Christ. God desires to use us within our unique personality and spheres of influence. This course will give you tools to utilize to be effective within the window of opportunity that is presented. You will learn to present salvation in a succinct way that proves to be successful.

Understanding the Eldership:

This course will examine the qualifications, the call, and responsibilities of the elder, who serves as part of the governing part of the local church. The elder must, foremost, be a lifelong student who studies the Word of God. In this course we will explore both the Old Testament and New Testament concept of the elder. Finally, in great detail, we will flesh out the following four qualifications of the elder: spiritual, character, domestic, and ministry.

Accountability in the Eldership:

This course will define accountability, as it pertains to the role with an elder, and outline practical principles for maintaining biblical standards for the individual office. In order

for the local church to maintain order, it takes a healthy team of elders who are to serve as the examples to the rest of the congregation. The elder demonstrates how the believer is to walk gracefully as the the Holy Spirit leads the way. This course will look at the nuts and bolts of being accountable to senior leadership.

Catching the Spirit of the Leader:

This course is about catching the spiritual things which cannot be taught in the normal ways of preaching and teaching. Every senior leader lives, moves, and be is by his/her individual make-up and instructions from God. To be a part and/or serve with a senior leader one must grasp this understanding. Spending strategic time together, praying intensely, discerning the leader's order in worship are a few things this course will focus on in this course.

Personal Relation w/God & Spiritual Growth:

This course is about one of the key concepts for all Christians and especially those serving in areas of ministry. It is the concept of spiritual growth which we will describe as spiritual formation. Ephesians 4:16 describes a body which fits together compactly, enabling every joint to supply to the other. In order for this to happen, spiritual growth must be the mandate for every believer. This class will teach how incorporate studying God's Word, how to live Spirit led, and how the corporate Body assists with the process of spiritual growth (formation).

Intercession & Worship:

John 4:23 declares that the hour will come when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth — this is the hour to worship the Father intensely as described in the afore mentioned text. This course is about gaining understanding of how intercession and worship makes up one seamless garment. Every individual goes through their own unique season where Yahweh makes us into HIS kind of-worshipper. This class is designed to teach leaders how to intercede for many while always worshipping for the audience of One.

The Elders & The Fivefold Ministry Gifts:

This course is about how to function as and elder and identify the five-fold ministry gift. As we gain understanding about the necessity of the plurality of the Eldership, we must also gain understanding of how each elder answers the five-fold ministry calling. The elder serves ruling the flock, teaching the flock, and shepherding the flock; while the elder embraces the specific gift they are to fill for the effective working of the ministry.

Shepherding:

Being called to shepherd the people of God is an important and great responsibility. One should never enter into this work without thoroughly counting up the cost. Shepherding involves guarding, protecting, and leading the congregants into safe pastures for healthy feeding. God gives HIS people pastors according to HIS own heart (Jeremiah 3:15). In this class we will stress the importance of making sure one is called, chosen, and prepared to respond to this high call. We will give the scripture warnings to those going without being called to shepherding.

The Senior Leadership & Sanctuary Worship:

The course is designed to help all senior level leaders become the example in public because of what they do in private. We will explore the main points of creating a lifestyle of dynamic worship. The stage is where the senior leader delivers the clear-cut message and vision of the house. What the congregation observes of the senior leaders during times of intercessory prayer, praise and worship, and the offering is what sets the standard for all to follow. As a senior leader, are you modeling what the other leaders should be exemplifying? This course is designed to stress the importance of this and how to achieve it.

The Senior Leadership & Intercession:

This course is designed to make leaders into prayer warriors. God's house should be a house of prayer for all people and we all must be taught how to pray without ceasing consistently. As believers we should understand the main points, the main purpose, and the practicality of praying. This course is designed to connect one's prayer life to the Scriptures, to daily worship, and prevailing against evil enemies of prayer. The course will teach the ABC's of praying and responding to the mandate to intercede for others.

Serving as an Associate Pastor:

The call to hold of the arms of senior leadership is a precious and peculiar election. To serve senior leadership must be done with unique skills, strong stamina, and single vision promoting another's vision and ministry goals. As one surrenders to God, it becomes clear they are assigned to assist. This course will train both seasoned and new leaders how to make their ministry flow flawlessly through assisting senior leaders. What is required to serve a senior leader is far beyond carrying Bibles and pouring water.

Preparing & Answering the Call to Pastor:

This course is designed to prepare and instruct those called to the office of the pastor. The pastor must have a strong knowledge of the Word of God and ability to flesh out everyday relevant principles to be practiced by believers. Through practical wisdom, sound doctrine, and key contemporary skills — we will equip each student to wisely examine answering and fulfilling the call to pastor people.

The Pastor & The Life of Sowing:

This course will help the senior pastor develop some practices outside the life of preaching and teaching. The pastor must learn the importance of being the first giver as well as the necessity of mentoring those of the next generation. In this class will start in the home of the pastor, move through the marketplace of work, and explore the high mountains of community empowerment and influence. How many hats may one person wear before losing holy balance? These and other critical questions will be answered in this course.

Sound Biblical Doctrine & Systematic Theology:

This course is designed for both serious student of the Bible and all dedicated followers of Christ's teachings. The Church is given this strong warning in 2 Timothy 4:3, For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. We are now living in a time of exciting preaching, false teachings, and doctrines of devils mixed together and labeled as truth. The Church must be able to separate the Truth of God's Word from the false. This class will equip the student with sound biblical doctrine that empowers them to do Systematic Theology. We will give every student the tenants of what we believe as a corporate body.

Stewardship (Financial):

In our schooling system we are taught how to read and write but what about how to manage our finances? That is the purpose of this class, teaching financial literacy. Financial literacy is the possession of the set of skills and knowledge that allows an individual to make informed and effective decisions with all of their financial resources. How do we become financially literate? After taking this class we should be able to understand what is good or bad debt, how long does it take to pay off a credit card, how much do you really pay when you bought that TV for \$500 and didn't pay cash, making your \$ work for you, budgeting, investing, planing for emergency expenses, retirement, and etc. Our goal is to be educated on how we all can reach true financial freedom.

Spiritual Warfare

This course is designed to fully equip the believer in the principles, strategies, disciplines and practices of Spiritual Warfare. We are reminded in Ephesians 6:12 that we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places. The believer must be aware of the stratagems, and devices of the enemy they are fighting. This course will teach the student to be continuously victorious in spiritual battle.

Recommended Reading: The Art of War for Spiritual Battle by Dr. Cindy Trimm

Developing and Maintaining a Healthy Prayer Life

The importance of understanding how, when and why we pray is paramount to the spiritual life of a leader. Until you understand how essential prayer actually is you may struggle to maintain a consistent and prayer life. This course is designed to give you the tools necessary to grasp the importance of your prayer life and develop the skills necessary to pray with confidence, power and authority.

Recommended Reading: Prayer Warrior by Stormie Omartian

Devotional Reading and Practical Bible Study Application

This course is designed to provide a practical guide and exercises to enable the student of the Bible to be able to read the Bible more intelligently, to research basic questions about the Bible, to understand the basic principles of interpretation of Scripture with a view toward applying the Bible more consistently in their life. This will include learning twelve bible study methods with the intent of practical application.

Whether you're a new believer or a sanctified saint, reading and studying the Bible is a required practice to continue growing in your spiritual journey. This class will train you how to hear Gods Word, rightly divide His Word and become a doer of His Word. Not understanding how to read and study the Word will leave you susceptible to unsound doctrine and false teachings. The believer will leave this class empowered to begin the daily discipline of studying and understanding the Bible for themselves.

Recommended Reading: How to Study the Bible For Yourself by Tim LaHaye, Bible Study Methods by Rick Warren

The Power of Prayer

This course was created to help the believer fully grasp the idea that prayer is one of the most powerful weapons on the earth. Throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation we are exposed to the reality that God hears and answers prayer. Through practical steps the student will leave prepared to increase the effectiveness of the powerful tool of prayer.

Recommended Reading: Prayer by Timothy Keller

DIT Intro

A beginner's course designed to provide students with an understanding of the roles and expectations that accompany the office of the Diaconate, as ascertained in the scriptures. (Prerequisite for Diaconate 101)

Diaconate 101-

A course designed to highlight the functions, duties, expectations of one called to the office of the Diaconate as specified to SOLW, with reference from the scriptures. (DIT Intro is a Prerequisite for this course)

Ministry 101

A course designed to highlight the procedures, protocols, and methods as it pertains to serving your leaders and others in a ministerial capacity.

Ministers Intro

A course designed to provide students with an understanding of the function, roles, and expectations that accompany ministerial licensing specified to SOLW.

Preventing the Miscarriage of Destiny

A course designed to provide students with the tools that prevent an unsuccessful outcome of God-ordained future events of one's life. This course will explore the importance of the application of God's promises and principles and how to implement them, ensuring the fulfilled purpose-filled life that God has decreed. (Instructor will be teaching from the book "Preventing the Miscarriage of Destiny" by Dr. Glen Staples)

Homelitics 1:

This course is a requirement for all Springs of Living Water Church of Restoration Ministerial Staff. It is also open to anyone interested in learning the basics of preaching and teaching in the Lord's church. This Homiletics 1 will explore and help all preachers learn the "the art of preaching", including the formal process of sermon preparation and the practice for preaching. In this course, our goal is to understand and apply the principles and protocols behind a well-prepared and well-delivered sermon. In completing this course, students should be able to accurately construct a sermon outline, understand what makes a sermon "good" and be able to provide constructive criticism on the sermons of classmates, demonstrate the ability to astutely discuss

relevant topics about preaching and teaching, and become comfortable teaching and preaching from the Word of God (Bible).

Homelitics 2:

This course is follow-up course to Homelitics 1 (a prerequisite). This course is designed to enable advanced preaching students to build upon the foundation of constructing and practicing expository sermons learned in the foundation course of homiletics. Students will be actively involved in the exegesis, and continue to examine ideas related to homiletics as well as explore differing models for effective preaching. The long term assignment throughout the course will be to use one book of the Bible to develop all course assignments (i.e., sermons) for the semester.

Preaching Clinic Intensive

What do you do when you are called upon to present the Word of God to one soul or a group of souls, with little to no time to prepare? This course will provide practical preaching experience for those who are or desire to be well-versed and multi-dimensional preachers of the Word of God. Through class assignments and activities, each student will engage the text of the Bible and learn to quickly craft a message that is applicable to all believers. This course is designed to help preacher's improvise and trust the Holy Spirit when preaching. All assignments will be given during class and fulfilled within the class timeframe. All students must be currently enrolled in Homiletics 1 or have already taken the course to participate in the Preacher's Clinic.

Prayer and Intercession

The course examines the Christian practice of prayer through biblical and theological lenses, types of prayer (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication, intercession) and introduces students to the theology and practice of hearing God and discerning His will. Students will consider their personal prayer practices and apply personal prayer tools through collaborative learning, individual assessment, and class discussion with an emphasis on application. Students will also learn and apply the principles of effective intercessory prayer according to the authority of the believer.

Practical and Prophetic Praise and Worship

This course gives worshipers a balanced theology of worship both practically and prophetically, and trains leaders and laypersons in the art of leading worship. This covers all the bases, both devotional and practical. We will lay a scriptural foundation for understanding what praise and worship really is, and then provide a practical framework for implementing praise and worship in the local church.

Spiritual Gifts

This course is designed for laypersons, leaders and ordained persons interested in developing spiritual gifts for personal and for ministerial application. This course will explore and examine key biblical principles that will assist in developing strategies to empower and release ministry to all members of a faith community. This course purposes to enable students to have a thorough understanding of spiritual gifts from an early church perspective and one's contemporary setting. Topics include the consideration of biblical images/models, theological foundations, structural and systematic barriers that mobilize the transformation of a faith community and an assessment of our self-identity and completing a profile of gifts.

Intro to computers/Basic Computer skills

A first course in computers designed to provide students with hands-on experience of the personal computer and its uses in society. Application programs from the Microsoft Office Suite will be taught including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. True beginners may want to consider taking a one on one course with instructor prior to this course.