# CMCM2210 Disciplemaking New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

**Disclaimer:** This syllabus is intended to give the student a general idea of the content, format, and textbooks used for this class. The professor will submit a full syllabus at the beginning of the class that will contain a course schedule and the instructor's information.

#### CMCM 2210 Disciplemaking

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## **Core Value**

Doctrinal Integrity -- Believing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit our lives to it. Our confessional commitments are outlined in the Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.

## **Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to assist students in the application of the personal spiritual disciplines in their churches. The emphasis is on helping students model and teach the disciplines to the members of their church family in order to facilitate spiritual growth in the life of every member.

## **Student Objectives**

In order to stimulate church health, the students, by the end of the course, should:

- 1. Comprehend the principles and the practice of discipleship.
- 2. Value discipleship.
- 3. Practice disciple making.

#### **Textbooks**

Required:

Whitney, Donald S. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. Colorado Springs: Navpress, 1991.

Wilhoit, James C. *Spiritual Formation as if the Church Mattered*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2008.

## **Course Methodology**

Three components exist for the course, Disciplemaking Online-- and you should take careful note of each of these. All three are necessary for you to be able to complete successfully this course:

- 1. Read lecture materials/PowerPoint presentations and respond to these materials.
- A. A PowerPoint lecture will be presented each week. You are to read carefully the lecture and consider what is being said.
- B. You will also be required to read the corresponding assignment in the Whitney text (except for week one). An informal summary of the chapter should be submitted to the professor indicating matters which you felt were well stated, thought provoking, or questionable. This summary should be submitted to the professor as an assignment through the tab provided in each unit.
- C. After having completed A and B, you should go to the discussion board for each unit and post your comments regarding the material covered. Throughout the week, you should check the material that has been posted by other students in order to respond to their comments. This is equivalent to class discussion. (Your participation in posting and responding will have a major impact upon your final grade.) Please Note: You are required to post a least one major posting to each board related to the current week and to respond to another student's posting at least twice during the week.
- 2. You should read the assigned chapter in *Spiritual Formation as if the Church Mattered* and respond to it by means of the discussion board. Your discussion should note matters you felt were thought provoking, well stated, or questionable. Please respond to your fellow students? comments as well.
- 3. Contribute to the webliography. For each unit being studied beginning with Unit 2, you should find additional online sources that you would recommend for further study regarding the units/subjects being studied. This in turn will become a tremendous source of information for all students in the course. You should carefully consider the site before posting it to the webliography. Though you may not agree with all being said, evaluate whether there is beneficial information on the site. If so, submit the cite to the Discussion Board with the title, "Webliography." You are required to submit two cites per unit/week.

# **Course Outline and Assignments:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	Whitney	Wilhoit
	Introduction to the Course/Review of Syllabus		
	The Theological Basis of Discipleship		
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	The Biblical Basis of Discipleship		
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Encountering the Disciplines	1	15-37
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Bible In-Take	2 & 3	38-56
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Prayer	4	57-80
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Worship	5	81-103
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Evangelism	6	104-113
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Serving	7	114-146
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Stewardship	8	147-160
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Fasting	9	161-176
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Silence/Solitude	10	177-185
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Journaling	11	186-204
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Learning/Perseverance	12 & 13	
	Personal Spiritual Disciplines Group Meetings		
	Final Exam/Project Due		

# **Assessment of Daily Work and Chapter Summaries**

The daily work will be assessed as follows:

- extraordinary work; extremely thorough, demonstrating a masterful grasp of the concepts addressed.
- excellent work; thorough and neat, demonstrating a good grasp of the concepts addressed; very strong effort, well above average
- good work; fairly thorough, showing good effort, though more work is needed in areas; above average; may be somewhat messy
- average work; basic assignment completed but seemed rushed with only basic effort and thought given; may be messy
- below average work; assignment only partially completed; little effort; may be messy; OR a very good assignment turned in late
- poor work; bare minimum effort; may be messy
- inadequate; OR an average assignment turned in late
- 0 assignment not turned in

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