

Discipleship (Spring 2022)

Michael B. French, B.A., M.P.A., JD
m.french@patriabiblecollege.com
Cell: (205) 910-9276
Online Office Hours: by appointment

Spring 2022
Monday & Wednesday
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
3 credit hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course emphasizes the importance and significance foundational Christian principles. It provides both a review of the beliefs that are core to the Christian faith and a strong outline of the concepts that each believer should be able to impart into the lives of those less mature than themselves. The course will examine these classic discipleship points as well as providing an overview of the more Biblical view of spiritual fathering that addresses the impartation of these principles to others.

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED READING: French, Michael B. *The Elisha Way*, Shade Tree Publishing, 2012 – available from Amazon here <https://amzn.to/3n2sLO7>

OBJECTIVES: As a result of this course, you will be able to:

- Identify and explain the core principles that establish the foundation of the Christian faith.
- Show a basic knowledge of what a Christian believes and why they should believe it.
- Distinguish between knowing the core principles of the Christian faith and being capable of imparting them into the lives of others.
- Explain the role and responsibility of the discipleship function of spiritual fathering/mothering.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: This course is predominately comprised of online classes, many of which are pre-recorded. These pre-recorded classes may be reviewed as posted in the stated class time-slot or reviewed at any time prior to examination on the material covered. As a result, there shall be no excused absences from a pre-recorded class session. Live introductory classes, question and answer sessions and student/teacher conferences will be scheduled as necessary and except for student/teacher conferences (scheduled individually with a given student) will be recorded and made available in the same fashion as pre-recorded class sessions. Classroom time will be tracked and if a student

fails to complete 25% or more of the classroom sessions it will result in a failing grade.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS: email is the preferred method of communication with instructors. This method should be used as the initial step in scheduling a student/teacher conference when needed.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Deadlines for all assignments and test completion dates are listed in the course calendar at the end of this syllabus

Quizzes/Essays.....100 points each

This course will include four quizzes spaced evenly throughout the course material. Quizzes will open on the date shown in the course calendar and must be completed by the deadline shown. Quizzes that are not completed within the window of time designated in the course calendar may not be made up, but you will be allowed to drop your lowest quiz grade. Each quiz is worth 100 points.

Final Examination1000 points

The final examination in this course will consist of an essay outlining your understanding of discipleship principles and spiritual fathering/mothering based upon all relevant course material. The final exam will have an opening and closing date specified in the course calendar and must be completed by the deadline shown. Final exams should be submitted through your online learning platform (exceptions can be made where this may cause undue hardship for a student, but arrangements should be made well in advance). If an exception is made the assignment should be submitted by email to the instructors posted email address.

Field Experience150 points

Students should be practicing the principles of discipleship during the term of this course. An essay describing their personal experience with these discipleship principles in relationship to course material will be required. The deadline for this essay will be the same as the last day for submission of the final exam, but may be submitted at any point after the field experience essay is opened on the syllabus.

Participation: Classroom participation, including completion of assignments and homework, engagement in reviews and preparatory activities, and

interaction with fellow students in the various forms that are available will also be taken into consideration in the grading process.

ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM: We will be using **Top Hat Pro** (www.tophat.com) for class participation. You will be able to submit answers to in-class questions using Apple or Android smartphones and tablets, laptops, or through text message. For instructions on how to create a Top Hat account and enroll in our Top Hat Pro course, please refer to the invitation sent to your school email address or consult Top Hat's Getting Started Guide (<https://bit.ly/31TGMIw>).

If you already have a Top Hat account, go to - [provided upon enrollment](#) - to be taken directly to our course. If you are new to Top Hat, follow the link in the email invitation you received or...

- Go to <https://app.tophat.com/register/student>
- Click "Search by school" and input the name of our school
- Search for our course with the following join code: [provided upon enrollment](#)

If a paid subscription is required, it will be listed at checkout when you enroll in our Top Hat Pro course.

Should you require assistance with Top Hat at any time please contact their Support Team directly by way of email (support@tophat.com), the in-app support button, or by calling 1-888-663-5491. Specific user information may be required by their technical support team when troubleshooting issues.

Course Calendar

These dates are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

Day	Date	Agenda/Topic	Due on this Date
Mon	01/10	• Introductions/Syllabus review	Please bring syllabus
Wed	01/12	• Lesson 1/2 – Salvation & Repentance	
Mon	01/17	• Lesson 3/4 – Faith & Forgiveness	
Wed	01/19	• Lesson 5 – Water Baptism	
Mon	01/24	• Lesson 6 – Holy Spirit Baptism	
Wed	01/26	• Lesson 7 – Believer’s Foundation	Quiz #1 Open - Lessons 1-5
Mon	01/31	• Lesson 8 – Believer and Prayer	
Wed	02/02	• Lesson 9 – Believer and the Word	
Mon	02/07	• Live Zoom Q&A Sesson	
Wed	02/09	• Lesson 10 – Renewing the Mind	
Mon	02/14	• Lesson 11 – Authority of the Believer	
Wed	02/16	• Lesson 12 – Overcoming Temptation	Quiz #2 Open - Lessons 6-10
Mon	02/21	• Lesson 13 – Sharing the Gospel	
Wed	02/23	• Lesson 14 – Relating to Authority	
Mon	02/28	• Lesson 15 – Marriage & Family	
Wed	03/02	• Lesson 16 – Understanding the Church	
Mon	03/07	• No Class – Spring Break	
Wed	03/09	• No Class – Spring Break	
Mon	03/14	• Lesson 17 – Building Authentic Community	
Wed	03/16	• Lesson 18 – Church Membership & Commitment	Quiz #3 Open - Lessons 10-17
Mon	03/21	• Lesson 19 – The Heart of a Servant	
Wed	03/23	• Lesson 20 – Christian Stewardship	
Mon	03/28	• Lesson 21 – Fulfilling Your Ministry	
Wed	03/30	• Lesson 22 – Gifts of the Spirit	
Mon	04/04	• Lesson 23/24 – Worship & Living as a Disciple	
Wed	04/06	• Lesson 25 – Biblical Discipleship	
Mon	04/11	• Lesson 26 – Characteristics of Spiritual Fathering	
Wed	04/13	• Lesson 27 – Characteristics of Sonship	
Mon	04/18	• Lesson 28 – Challenges & Rewards of Sonship	
Wed	04/20	• Live Zoom Q & A Session	Quiz #4 Open – Lessons 11-28
Mon	04/25	• Final Exam Opens	
Wed	12/22	• Release Date: Class will not meet to make up for Field Experience time	Final Exam Due Field Experience Essay Due