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Languages:

Students may download notes for courses in which they are enrolled, in English or in any other language available at the time.

The entire PI curriculum has been translated into:

- Spanish, French, Russian, Chinese, Bengali, Japanese and Bahasa Malaysia.

Other translations in progress are:

- Hungarian, Bahasa Indonesian, and German.

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Course List and Course Descriptions

Course List (by semester)

The curriculum has been designed to cycle in 8 semesters. A student can begin at any point in the cycle and follow the curriculum through to completion. Each semester is designed to be a good mix of courses that include a focus on Biblical, spiritual, and leadership training. The curriculum is currently available in multiple languages. For all available languages, please visit www.PurposeInstitute.com.

1st Semester

1101	(3)	Introduction to the Word / Pentateuch
1305	(3)	The Importance of Apostolic Doctrine
1401	(3)	Apostolic Patterns and Methods I
1602	(4)	Leadership I

2nd Semester

2202	(3)	The Life and Ministry of Christ
2402	(3)	Apostolic Patterns and Methods II
2501	(3)	Ministry of the Apostles I
2701	(4)	Guest Instructor (Pastoral Studies)

3rd Semester

3102	(3)	The Tabernacle
3301	(3)	The Oneness of God
3502	(3)	Ministry of the Apostles II
3702	(4)	Pastoral Studies I

4th Semester

4204	(3)	The Epistles
4302	(3)	The New Birth
4503	(3)	Equipping the Apostolic Minister I
4603	(4)	Leadership II

5th Semester

5103	(3)	Historical Books / Poetical Books
5206	(3)	The Book of Revelation
5504	(3)	Equipping the Apostolic Minister II
5601	(4)	Guest Instructor (Leadership)

6th Semester

6104	(3)	Major Prophets
6201	(3)	The Four Gospels / Harmony of the Gospels
6505	(3)	Equipping the Apostolic Minister III
6703	(4)	Pastoral Studies II

7th Semester

7105	(3)	Minor Prophets
7203	(3)	The Twelve Apostles
7306	(3)	Water Baptism/The Name
7601	(4)	Guest Instructor (Leadership)

8th Semester

8205	(3)	Church History
8304	(3)	Perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God
8403	(3)	The Dynamics of Soul Winning
8701	(4)	Guest Instructor (Pastoral Studies)

Course Descriptions (alphabetical)

Apostolic Patterns and Methods I: The phenomenal results of the 1st century Church cannot be questioned. They established a pattern that we are to follow, but what was it and what were the methods of evangelism they used? You will be inspired to discover just how simple their methods were.

Apostolic Patterns and Methods II: This class teaches how to transfer a 1st century pattern into a 21st century application. It is a practical look at the principles behind the Apostolic methods of the 1st century, and will help you put them into immediate practice.

Church History: As you trace the Pentecostal message from its birth to the 21st century, you will gain a greater appreciation for Biblical truth, and for the courageous people who sacrificed to preserve it for our generation.

The Dynamics of Soul Winning: This course promotes a burden for souls and inspires the student to reach out to the people around them with the Gospel through simple, effective methods.

The Epistles: Epistles are “letters”, and letters have always been an effective way to communicate. God chose letters to effectively communicate HIS will and purpose to HIS church. This course is designed to give a summary of each epistle.

Equipping the Apostolic Minister I: There are many preachers, but not many ministers. The primary focus of the Equipping the Apostolic Minister series is to bring balance to both the spiritual and the practical aspects of ministry. Level I primarily deals with the call to ministry, and exactly what that means.

Equipping the Apostolic Minister II: Equipping the Apostolic Minister II teaches how to effectively bring balance to the ministry of the Word and Spirit. Both must be ministered.

Equipping the Apostolic Minister III: Equipping the Apostolic Minister III teaches the importance of prayer, intercession, spiritual warfare, and the ministry of angels.

The Four Gospels / Harmony of the Gospels: In a chronological study of the Gospels, you will compare and contrast the overlapping and consistent accounts of our wonderful Savior and Redeemer.

Guest Instructor (Pastoral Studies): Pastoral topics are covered by experienced, anointed instructors chosen by the local campus Dean. They will challenge all present to dig deeper, reach higher and let God use their lives for His glory.

Guest Instructor (Leadership): A variety of leadership topics are covered by experienced, anointed instructors chosen by the local campus Dean. They will challenge all present to dig deeper, reach higher and let God use their lives for His glory.

Historical Books / Poetical Books: The history of Israel, God's chosen people, was written for our example, so that we can learn from both their mistakes and successes. The poetical books are considered some of the greatest literature ever written; nothing the world has to offer matches the value of these books.

The Importance of Apostolic Doctrine: Apostolic Doctrine... what is it? It is the foundation of the Church and all true Apostolic ministry. This class teaches its importance and why it must not be compromised or minimized.

Introduction to the Word / Pentateuch: The study of the five books written by Moses will give you a historical, legislative, and spiritual look at just how much God loves and desires a relationship with His people.

Leadership I: This is a cutting-edge study teaching the foundational principles of leadership. You will discover that there are five very important keys to effective church leadership. A violation of any one of the five will greatly hinder the leader's ability to be effective.

Leadership II: This course strives to stretch the leader to a high level of understanding and ability as a leader. Because of the uniqueness of our times, you will be challenged to accept nothing less than a standard of excellence.

The Life and Ministry of Christ: This course studies the earthly life and ministry of Jesus Christ. You will soon understand and appreciate how He lived and ministered on the earth as both perfect man and perfect God.

Major Prophets: These great men of God wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Learn how incredible the writers and their books are, both in volume and in content.

Ministry of the Apostles I: A careful study of the Apostles' ministry in the first 7 chapters of the book of Acts will reveal how their doctrine and authority distinguished them from others. You will recognize the relevance for the Church today and will be motivated to become an extension of true Apostolic ministry.

Ministry of the Apostles II: The zeal and passion for evangelism as exemplified by the Apostles of the 1st century Church is, without question, where the Church of today must return. This is an up-close and personal look at true Apostolic ministry as recorded in the last 21 chapters of the book of Acts.

Minor Prophets: From the lives of these Old Testament prophets, you will see how God can use anyone from any background. They demonstrate how depth of obedience to God measures true success.

The New Birth: Jesus said you must be born again. This class teaches the essentiality of the new birth as recorded in John 3:5 and exactly what is required to be born again.

The Oneness of God: Is God one or three? This class is in an in-depth study of the Oneness of God and clearly proves from the Holy Scriptures that God is one.

Pastoral Studies I: The Church is living in unprecedented times. Today's pastors have challenges totally unique to their generation. This class is designed to equip those whom God has called to be pastors and those who assist pastors.

Pastoral Studies II: Today's pastors must be able to shift with the times without compromising truth. This course is designed to assist pastors and leaders to understand the timeless principles of financial stewardship.

Perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God: This course will fill you with fresh respect and revelation for the Holiness of God. It correctly teaches holiness as a divine principle that must be perfected in everyone who calls himself or herself a disciple of Christ. You will learn that holiness first must begin in the heart, before it can effectively shine out to others.

The Book of Revelation: Are we really living in the last days? Though not an exhaustive study of prophecy, this class attempts to bring a correct understanding of the Book of Revelation.

The Tabernacle: Discover the many types and shadows found in the Tabernacle plan that God gave to Moses, and how it is a picture of God's New Testament plan.

The Twelve Apostles: Through a close look at the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus' closest followers, you will learn how God used each Apostle's unique personality in an effective ministry.

Water Baptism/The Name: The doctrine of Jesus' name baptism sets us apart, and through this course you will understand from the Scriptures how vital and powerful the name of Jesus is in your life.

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Apostolic Doctrine Studies **#1305 – The Importance of Apostolic Doctrine** ***Course Overview***

Course Description:

Apostolic Doctrine...what is it? It is the foundation of the Church and all true Apostolic Ministry. This class teaches its importance and why it must not be compromised or minimized. The goal is to give students an understanding of the importance of staying true to the doctrine handed down from the Apostles, who were taught directly by Jesus Christ.



Throughout the lessons, key thoughts are indicated with a key icon. The four lessons are as follows:

1. Doctrine Defined
2. The Authority of the Doctrine
3. Obedience to the Doctrine
4. Presenting the Doctrine

Course Objectives:

Students in their 1st to 4th semester should focus on the Foundational Objectives, while those who have already completed the requirements for a Foundational Diploma in Ministerial Studies should dig deeper in pursuit of the Advanced Objectives.



Foundational Objectives of this Course:

1. The student will define doctrine and explain its origin and importance.
2. The student will demonstrate obedience to the Apostles' doctrine.

**Advanced Objectives of this Course:**

1. The student will articulate and defend key elements of apostolic doctrine.
2. The student will design contextually appropriate doctrinal presentations.

Required Reading Materials:

- *The Holy Bible* (the curriculum uses the King James Version unless otherwise specified)
- Butler, Daniel L. *The Last Generation of Truth*. Hazelwood, Mo.: Word Aflame Press, 1998.
- Purpose Institute Course Notes*

*You are expected to download and read the appropriate lesson before each weekend of classes from www.PurposeInstitute.com. You should complete the review questions for each lesson, since the final exam may be taken from these questions.

Disclaimer: Any readings assigned by Purpose Institute to its student body in addition to the Holy Bible are only for the purpose of enhancing the theme of each course study and to broaden the students' personal understanding of the subject. Neither Purpose Institute nor its staff endorses these books, their doctrinal accuracy, or the authors' personal conduct and lifestyle.

Suggested sources for Required Reading Materials:

- Your local Christian bookstore
- www.pentecostalpublishing.com
- www.christianbook.com
- www.amazon.com

Assignments:

Please log on to www.purposeinstitute.com to download the file **Writing Assignment Guidelines**, since your instructors will generally use this criteria for grading your written assignments. **To avoid plagiarism, be sure to indicate the source of all quotations and paraphrased ideas used in your essay, as well as all of your research sources.**

- 33% Read *The Last Generation of Truth* by Daniel L. Butler. **Due: 3rd class of semester.**
- 33% Write a 500-word essay about the importance of preserving Apostolic truth. (Two typed pages, double-spaced, in a 12-point font equals 500 words.) **Due: 3rd class of semester.**
- 34% Faculty Evaluation/Final Exam. **Due: Last class of semester.**

Grading, Credits and Diplomas:

All assignments and your final exam must be completed and handed in by the last class of the semester. A final grade of 60% (“D”) or higher is required to pass this course. You will lose 10% (or one letter grade) if you miss one class in the semester. If you miss 2 classes in the semester, you will not receive credit for this course. **Successful completion of this course earns 3 credits toward your diploma.**

Students should maintain a mark of 70% or higher (“C”) in order to ensure that their Grade Point Average (GPA) is high enough to graduate.

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
59 or lower	F

The Foundational Diploma in Ministerial Studies (previously called an Associate’s Diploma) is generally awarded after successful completion of four semesters of classroom training and work at the maximum course load (52 credits) along with 6 Field Experience credits, for a total of 58 credits.

The Advanced Diploma in Ministerial Studies (previously called a Bachelor’s Diploma) requires eight semesters of classroom training and work (104 credits) along with 12 Field Experience credits, for a total of 116 credits.

Field Experience Credits:



Field Experience Credits (previously called Life Experience Credits) are important to well-rounded training, as you put into practice what you have learned in the classroom. Generally, a Field Experience Credit represents a minimum of 5 hours of ministry involvement in one of the following categories:

1. Missions – Personal ministry efforts outside the local church.
2. Personal Evangelism – personal efforts to reach the unsaved.
3. Local Church Involvement – personal involvement in the local church.

Students must earn 6 Field Experience Credits (2 in each category) during their first four semesters in order to obtain a Foundational Diploma. It is recommended that you complete 2 credits (a total of 10 hours) in each of your 1st, 2nd and 3rd semesters in order to process your diploma in time for graduation.

Students must earn an additional 6 Field Experience Credits (2 in each category) during their next four semesters in order to obtain an Advanced Diploma. It is recommended that you complete 2 credits in each of your 5th, 6th and 7th semesters in order to process your diploma in time for graduation.

When you complete a Field Experience Credit, you will need to log on to the website at www.PurposeInstitute.com to record your experience. Your campus administrator will approve the experience before it is added to your transcript.

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Apostolic Doctrine Studies

#1305 – The Importance of Apostolic Doctrine

Lesson 2: The Authority of the Doctrine

Introduction



Throughout the lessons, key thoughts are indicated with a key icon. Lesson 2 is divided into 5 sections:

- The Authority of the Doctrine
- Authority Empowers Doctrine
- What Is Authority?
- Apostolic Authority
- The Apostles' Doctrine

Students in their 1st to 4th semester should focus on the Foundational Objectives, while those who have already completed the requirements for a Foundational Diploma in Ministerial Studies should dig deeper in pursuit of the Advanced Objectives.



Foundational Objectives of this Lesson:

1. The student will recognize Jesus Christ directly gave the apostles authority and doctrine.
2. The student will explain the concept of continuing in the apostles' doctrine.



Advanced Objectives of this Lesson:

1. The student will defend the authority of the apostles' doctrine in personal life and in ministry today.
2. The student will express how the apostles' authority empowered their doctrine.

Doc·trine (dòk¹trîn) – noun

1. *A principle or body of principles presented for acceptance or belief, as by a religious, political, scientific, or philosophic group; dogma.*
2. *A rule or principle of law, especially when established by precedent.*
3. *Something taught; a teaching.*

Even though it takes many parts and materials to make up a great house, it has no hope of enduring the elements that come through the various seasons of the year without a strong foundation. In the Church, Apostolic doctrine is that foundation.

Over the past 2000 years the Church, with the foundation of Apostolic doctrine, has proven to be able to endure everything that Satan or false religion has unleashed against it. The teachings Jesus handed down to HIS Apostles were to be the very foundation that the Church would be built upon.

Apostolic Doctrine is the basis or foundation for how we as Christians live and conduct our lives.



Section 1 – The Authority of the Doctrine

Our first lesson in this course defined what doctrine was, and established its importance.

In this lesson, we want to establish the authority of the doctrine.

To do this we must first establish where or from whom the Apostles got their authority.

Any governing agency that gives authority determines the level of that authority.

For instance, the centurion mentioned in Matthew 8:9 and Luke 7:8 referred to himself as, “a man [set] under authority, having soldiers under me”. His rank entitled him to command 100 men. That was the extent of the authority granted to him by his commission in the Roman army.

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However, Jesus, being the only begotten Son of God (📖 John 1:18), declared,

“All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” 📖 Matthew 28:18

The authority of Jesus is the authority of the Almighty God, for Jesus was and is the very one true God Himself manifest in flesh.

📖 Matthew 1:21-23

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

📖 1 Timothy 3:16

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

Thus, there are no boundaries or limitations to His sovereignty.

This is He of whom the prophet wrote:

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” 📖 Isaiah 9:6



Section 2 – Authority Empowers Doctrine

It was the level of authority given to the Apostles by Jesus that empowered their doctrine. It wasn't their words... it was HIS word speaking through them.

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📖 John 14:10

“Jesus told his disciples, “...the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.”

📖 Matthew 7:29

“...he (Jesus) taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

- Jesus spoke with the authority that only flows out of truth. His words were as fresh as the morning light, and yielded the power of the Spirit.
- His words and sermons made a profound impact on everyone who heard Him, even on those who hated Him.

📖 John 7:46

“The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.”

📖 Luke 9:1

“Then he (Jesus) called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.”

📖 Mark 13:34

“For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants.”

📖 2 Corinthians 10:8

Paul stated, “..I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification...”.

📖 Titus 2:15

Writing by the inspiration and anointing of the Holy Ghost, Paul said to Titus, “*These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.*”

NOTES:

It should be noted that Apostolic doctrine is not optional. Our salvation is dependent upon our obedience to it. (📖 Romans 1:5; 16:26; 6:17-18; 📖 1 Peter 1:22; 📖 Hebrews 5:9; 📖 John 17:20)

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Section 3 – What is Authority?

Au·thor·i·ty (e-thô^rî-tê, e-thò^r¹-, ô-thô^r¹-, ô-thò^r¹-) noun

1. **The power to enforce** laws, exact obedience, command, determine, or judge.
2. **Power assigned** to another; authorization.
3. **An accepted source** of expert information or advice: a **reference** book often cited as an authority.
4. **A conclusive statement** or decision that may be taken as a guide or precedent.
5. **Power to influence or persuade** resulting from knowledge or experience:

NT:1849

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

exousia, exousias,

1. power, permission,
2. the ability or strength with which one is endued, which he either possesses or exercises: 📖 Matt. 9:8
3. the power of authority and of right: 📖 Matt. 21:23
4. the power of rule or government

Section 4 – Apostolic Authority

Apostolic authority came directly from the Lord Jesus Christ.

📖 John 17:9-20

Jesus prayed for all who would believe on HIM through their (the Apostles') word.

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📖 Matthew 16:13-19

Peter, who became the chief Apostle to the Jews, was given the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Keys are only given to those who are also given the authority to use them. Not only was Peter chosen to open the door of New Testament Salvation to the Jews (📖 Acts 2:13-41) and to the Samaritans (📖 Acts 8:14-17), but he was also chosen to be the first one to take the gospel to the Gentiles (📖 Acts 10).

Paul was chosen to continue evangelism to the Gentiles (📖 Galatians 2:7, 9; 📖 Romans 15:16). He preached the very same doctrine Peter preached (📖 Acts 19:1-7, 📖 Galatians 1:6-9).

📖 Matthew 28:18-20

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

All power = exousia (Greek)


All authority... is given unto me... Go ye therefore...

The Apostles were sent to every nation of the earth with the authority of God to teach, to baptize “in the name” (of Jesus - See Luke. 24:45-48 below), and to teach all things that He had commanded them.


📖 Mark 16:14-20

Jesus spoke directly to the Apostles concerning what was to be both done and taught. The responsibility of evangelizing the entire world was entrusted to their leadership.

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 Luke 22:31-32

After being told by Jesus that Satan was going to sift him, Peter was still reminded of his God-given authority and was commanded to strengthen his brethren.

 Luke 24:44-49

This is one of the most important passages in all of the New Testament because it verifies the Apostles' God-given authority. As stated in lesson one, Jesus opened the Apostles' understanding of the scriptures with revelation that no man prior to that time had ever received. He then revealed to them the message that was to be preached to the entire world and told them exactly where it was to begin!

“...Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures...And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem...”



Section 5 – The Apostles' Doctrine

 Acts 2:42

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”


These men with perfect understanding were chosen by God to set the foundation of the New Testament Church with Apostolic doctrine.

- *“Continued steadfastly...”* - to be earnest towards, steady, constant, to preserve or adhere closely to; to be constantly diligent towards.
- **Acts 2:42** is the first recorded declaration by Luke that encapsulates the New Testament Church life and ministry. Please notice especially that the authority of the Apostles' Doctrine is made evident by being mentioned first.
- The first century Church was **“firmly fixed on the apostles' doctrine”**.

NOTES:

No matter how you may appear, when you are not building on the correct doctrinal foundation...you are off!

A. THE APOSTLE PAUL

 Galatians 1:6-9

“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”

No other Gospel was to be preached, even if it came from an angel or an Apostle himself. Once the foundational doctrine was established, not even the Apostles could change it.

 Ephesians 2:19-22

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”

The apostles and prophets made up the foundation of the Church, Jesus being the Chief Corner Stone.

B. THE APOSTLE PETER

 2 Peter 3:2

“That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:”

Be mindful of the commandments spoken by the Apostles!

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C. THE APOSTLE JOHN

 I John 4:6

“We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”


The Apostle clearly states that they (Apostles) were of God. These men knew their God-given authority, and were not afraid to declare it. To teach anything other than what they taught was, and is, error.

 Revelation 21:14

“And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

The Apostles’ names are written in the foundations of the walls of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem.

The authority of Apostolic Doctrine is found in the Authority of Jesus Christ. Since He had ALL authority, He had the right to give it to whomever He chose. There is NO other doctrine by which we can pattern our lives as Christians.

 1 Timothy 4:16

“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee”. Paul the Apostle

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Apostolic Doctrine Studies **#4302 – The New Birth** ***Course Overview***

Course Description:

Jesus said, “You must be born again.” This class teaches the essentiality of the new birth as recorded in John 3:5 and exactly what is required to be born again. The goal is to give students a thorough understanding of the elements of the new birth and why each is essential.



Throughout the lessons, key thoughts are indicated with a key icon.
The four lessons are as follows:

1. The Need for Salvation
2. Grace, Faith and The Gospel
3. Birth of Water and Spirit / Repentance
4. Water Baptism and Spirit Baptism

Course Objectives:

Students in their 1st to 4th semester should focus on the Foundational Objectives, while those who have already completed the requirements for a Foundational Diploma in Ministerial Studies should dig deeper in pursuit of the Advanced Objectives.



Foundational Objectives of this Course:

1. The student will define each step of the New Birth process.
2. The student will explain the necessity of the New Birth from the Word of God.

**Advanced Objectives of this Course:**

1. The student will defend the New Birth experience against false concepts of salvation.
2. The student will develop and teach a Bible study on the New Birth.

Required Reading Materials:

- *The Holy Bible* (the curriculum uses the King James Version unless otherwise specified)
- Bernard, David K. *The New Birth*. Hazelwood, Mo.: Word Aflame Press, 1984. (Note: If you are taking several semesters of Purpose Institute, it may be more economical to purchase *The Complete Works of David Bernard* on CD from www.pentecostalpublishing.com since his books are used for Courses 3301, 4302, 7306, 8205 and 8304.)
- Purpose Institute Course Notes*

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Assignments:

Please log on to www.PurposeInstitute.com to download the file **Writing Assignment Guidelines**, since your instructors will generally use this criteria for grading your written assignments. **To avoid plagiarism, be sure to indicate the source of all quotations and paraphrased ideas used in your essay, as well as all of your research sources.**

33% Read *The New Birth* by David K. Bernard, and indicate on your final exam that you have completed the reading. **Due: 3rd class of semester.**

33% Write a 500 word essay on the importance of the New Birth, and hand it in to your instructor. (Two typed pages, double-spaced, in a 12-point font equals 500 words.) **Due: 3rd class of semester.**

34% Faculty Evaluation/Final Exam. **Due: Last class of semester.**

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2. Personal Evangelism – personal efforts to reach the unsaved.
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Old Testament Studies #5103 – Historical Books / Poetical Books *Course Overview*

Course Description:

The history of Israel, God's chosen people, was written for our example, so that we can learn from both their mistakes and successes. The poetical books are considered some of the greatest literature ever written. Nothing the world has to offer matches the value of these books. The goal is to understand the parallels between Israel's physical battles and our spiritual battles, and learn from the mistakes Israel made, so that we don't repeat them.



Throughout the lessons, key thoughts are indicated with a key icon. The four lessons are as follows:

1. Introduction, Joshua and Judges
2. Ruth, I Samuel and II Samuel
3. 1 Kings through Esther
4. The Poetical Books

Course Objectives:

Students in their 1st to 4th semester should focus on the Foundational Objectives, while those who have already completed the requirements for a Foundational Diploma in Ministerial Studies should dig deeper in pursuit of the Advanced Objectives.



Foundational Objectives of this Course:

1. The student will identify the mistakes and successes of Israel.
2. The student will compare Israel's battles to spiritual battles Christians face today.

**Advanced Objectives of this Course:**

1. The student will apply lessons learned from Israel to personal life and ministry.
2. The student will evaluate a personal response to a ministry challenge by using wisdom from a Poetic book.

Required Reading Materials:

- *The Holy Bible* (the curriculum uses the King James Version unless otherwise specified)
- Jensen, Irving L. *Jensen's Survey of the Old Testament*. Chicago Ill.: Moody Press, 1978. (Parts 2 and 3 – Pages 137-318)
- Swindoll, Charles R. *Hand Me Another Brick*. Nashville, Tenn.: Thomas Nelson, Inc., 1990.
- Purpose Institute Course Notes*

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33% Read Parts 2 and 3 of *Jensen's Survey of the Old Testament* (Pages 137-318) and *Hand Me Another Brick* by Chuck Swindoll, and indicate on your final exam that you have completed the reading. **Due: 3rd class of semester.**

- 33% Write a 500-word character study on **one of** these Bible characters: Samuel, David or Nehemiah; listing both their good and bad qualities, their calling, purpose and mission in God’s plan, and hand it in to your instructor. (Two typed pages, double-spaced, in a 12-point font equals 500 words.) **Due: 3rd class of semester.**

- 34% Faculty Evaluation/Final Exam. **Due: Last class of semester.**

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New Testament Studies **#6201 – The Four Gospels/Harmony** *Course Overview*

Course Description:

In a chronological study of the Gospels, you will compare and contrast the overlapping and consistent accounts of our wonderful Savior and Redeemer. The goal of this course is to study the life of Jesus Christ from the perspectives of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John's written accounts.



Throughout the lessons, key thoughts are indicated with a key icon.
The four lessons are as follows:

1. Harmony of the Gospels / Matthew
2. History of the New Testament / Mark
3. The Book of Luke
4. The Book of John

Course Objectives:

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Foundational Objectives of this Course:

1. The student will recognize the unique perspective of each of the four Gospel writers.
2. The student will understand the overlapping accounts of the Synoptic Gospels and their connection with John's Gospel.



Advanced Objectives of this Course:

1. The student will explain the theme and harmonizing elements of each of the four Gospels.
2. The student will embrace the work of the Spirit in order to become more like Christ.

Required Reading Materials:

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33% Write a 500-word essay about any 4 parables of Jesus Christ, and hand it in to your instructor. (Two typed pages, double-spaced, in a 12-point font equals 500 words.)
Due: 3rd class of semester.

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Apostolic Evangelism Studies **#8403 – The Dynamics of Soul Winning** *Course Overview*

Course Description:

This course promotes a burden for souls and inspires the student to reach out to the people around them with the Gospel through simple, effective methods. The goal is to emphasize the importance of winning souls and to provide realistic, achievable ways to be effective in this area.



Throughout the lessons, key thoughts are indicated with a key icon.
The four lessons are as follows:

1. Personal Testimonies and Oikos Ministry
2. Agape Love and Home Bible Studies
3. Home Bible Study Methods and Discipleship
4. A Test of True Discipleship

Course Objectives:

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Foundational Objectives of this Course:

1. The student will accept personal responsibility to win and disciple people.
2. The student will identify various methods of soul winning and discipleship.

**Advanced Objectives of this Course:**

1. The student will demonstrate a burden for people by actively reaching out to others.
2. The student will integrate soul winning and discipleship techniques into his/her personal lifestyle.

Required Reading Materials:

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- Wilkinson, Bruce. *The Seven Laws of the Learner*. Sisters, Oreg.: Multnomah Publishers, Inc., 1992.
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33% Read *The 7 Laws of the Learner* by Bruce Wilkinson, and indicate on your final exam that you have completed the reading. **Due: 3rd class of semester.**

33% Write a 500-word essay about your soul winning and Home Bible Study techniques, describing what you think reaches people and what doesn't, and hand it in to your instructor. (Two typed pages, double-spaced, in a 12-point font equals 500 words.)
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Apostolic Evangelism Studies #8403 – The Dynamics of Soul Winning *Lesson 3: Home Bible Study Methods and Discipleship*

Introduction



Throughout the lessons, key thoughts are indicated with a key icon. Lesson 3 will be divided into 4 sections:

- How to Teach a Home Bible Study
- Refining our Methods
- Discipling New Converts
- Establishing Attitudes and Habits

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Foundational Objectives of this Lesson:

1. The student will list essential points of teaching home Bible studies.
2. The student will identify the key areas of new convert instruction.



Advanced Objectives of this Lesson:

1. The student will teach a home Bible study.
2. The student will establish a method for helping new converts develop proper attitudes and habits.



Section 1 – How to Teach a Home Bible Study

Here are some pointers for teaching a Home Bible Study:


- Teachers must prepare themselves with fasting and prayer. There is nothing that substitutes for anointing.
- Obtain a Home Bible Study chart and teacher's manual. Be Prepared!
- Search for prospects.
- Be on time.
- Be faithful. Do your best not to cancel.
- Teach in the student's home if possible. The student will be more relaxed; you can control the time; they're less likely to cancel; and you bring God into their home.
- Use only the chart and the Bible, not the manual (study ahead of time). Emphasize the authority of the Bible. Let them read verses if they can. Be aware that some people cannot read, so don't embarrass them.
- Dress neat and clean; don't over-dress.
- Keep the Bible study informal.
- Refreshments are in order if they offer them.
- The kitchen or dining room table is the best place for the Bible study.
- A terry towel helps keep the chart in place.
- Strive to develop a friendship.
- Don't argue doctrines.
- Stay focused on your purpose.
- Teach your Bible study in the given order. *Not everyone is ready for Acts 2:38.
- Small studies are more effective, but do not limit the size if people are hungry.
- Watch your time. Try to keep it to one hour.
- Complete the study, even after they get baptized and receive the Holy Ghost.
- Arrange for the next lesson, and try not to cancel unless it is absolutely necessary.
- Call and communicate any schedule changes well in advance. Be considerate of your student's schedule.
- Prepare them as future teachers.
- Remember; it is a privilege to teach the Bible. What an honor!

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Section 2 - Refining Our Methods

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A. THE DO'S OF HOME BIBLE STUDIES

1. Be an example.
2. Bible studies are most effective when the teacher and student have:
 - Similar Ages
 - Same Marital Status
 - Other Similarities
3. Know the value of patience
4. Always open and close with prayer. (Be sensitive to personal needs.)
5. Be prepared.
6. Be positive. Teach with faith.
7. Briefly review previous lessons.
8. Recommend helpful books and tapes.
9. If a disagreement occurs, try to finish the Bible study anyway. They might simply be feeling conviction. Change is not always easy.
10. Send a "thank you" note at the end of a completed study.
11. Schedule a special service with the pastor for them to receive their completion certificate.
12. Encourage them to enroll in a discipleship class if they have not already done so.
13. Follow up!
14. Find ways to include them in the life of the church. Fellowship is vital to everyone's spiritual health!
 Acts 2:42

B. THE DON'TS OF HOME BIBLE STUDIES

1. Be careful not to attempt to teach more studies per week than you are capable of teaching.
2. Don't over stay your welcome. Be time-conscious.
3. Don't make it complicated. "K.I.S." (Keep it simple.)
4. Don't answer judgment questions. You are not the judge.
5. Defend the truth without running down other denominations.
6. Don't criticize other churches, pastors, or friends.
7. Don't be over-authoritative.
8. Don't be sarcastic.
9. Don't be afraid to admit you don't know something.
10. Don't carry the troubles of your day into your Bible study.
11. Don't get discouraged if it appears they are not responding.

12. Don't over socialize, but strive to build relationships.
13. Don't mix the order of the lessons, unless led of the Holy Ghost.
14. Teach the Bible, not your own ideas.
15. Don't teach contrary to your pastor. If you have a different belief on a nonessential subject, keep it to yourself. You could discredit him to someone new. Remember that the plan of salvation is what is important.



Section 3 – Discipling New Converts

I Peter 2:2 - “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby:”

A. BABIES ARE PRECIOUS GIFTS FROM GOD

Whether natural or spiritual, babies are priceless!

Every baby needs care and love. They need nourishment. They need constant watch. They need a healthy growth climate!

No one has to teach a newborn baby how to nurse; each one begins as if they have “majored” in the subject; they have a “**DESIRE**” for that nourishing milk!

That desire is also evident in “**born-again**” children of God: a desire for the “**WORD OF GOD**” is very natural in a spiritual newborn. In fact, if there is not a desire for spiritual nourishment then something is seriously wrong with their experience!

B. TEACH NEW CONVERTS THE WORD OF GOD

Our personal opinions are not good enough for a child of God; he must be nourished on the “*sincere milk of the Word*”!

Don't be afraid to loan a new convert your personal books or tapes. Be sure, however, that they are books for new converts and not mature Christians. They should not be books on prophecy or on holiness standards, but material that will enlighten them as to what has taken place in their lives.

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1. Books on “How to Receive the Holy Ghost” or tapes dealing with the same subject are very good to lend.
2. Missionary books are good - books on Pentecostal pioneers who are reaching out to foreign lands. Begin in this fashion to instill in their hearts a real care about missions.
3. Books on prayer: How-to books are good! Testimonial books about great answers to prayer are also excellent.
4. Books about great Christians: In our age there are many good books about those early Pentecostal pioneers and modern-day saints whose lives have left a great impact upon their communities. These are character-building books!

Give directions as to Bible reading: most young Christians believe that the logical place to start reading is Genesis, only to find out that five or six chapters later they are “begat” right out of enthusiasm.

Direct their Bible reading in an orderly fashion:


- Read the Gospel of John and then Acts several times.
- Then read Matthew, Mark, and Luke.
- And then begin reading the epistles.
- Don’t allow them to get mesmerized by “Revelation”.

Suggest to them helpful Bible reference books:

- Strong’s Concordance
- A good Bible dictionary

Get them involved in taking and reading a Home Bible Study Course. These are excellent ways to get a general understanding of the entire Bible. Plus, these are ways to encourage them to reach out and teach others.

Encourage them to know where and why the Bible teaches that repentance, baptism in Jesus’ Name and the infilling of the Holy Ghost is essential. Encourage them to know the importance of DOCTRINE.

 I Timothy 4:16 - *“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”*

NOTES:

Their Bible should become an unending love letter from God. A volume of riches! An everlasting vein of truth and righteousness! A never-ending way to appropriate blessing! An eternal source of establishing Biblical authority, in the church and in the home! It is a sure way of escaping the snares of our enemy!

TEACH THEM THE WORD!

C. DISCIPLE THEM TO JESUS

Do not addict new converts to yourself. Always encourage them to develop a close relationship with their pastor and immediate spiritual overseer. It will be to their benefit to have their time taken up with others beside you.

Be careful to not “let your hair down”. Fellowship is good; but commonness is detrimental! Never allow your relationship to be so common that a loss of respect would result: because how you lead them will most likely be the way they will lead and disciple others!

Get them involved in something useful in the Kingdom of God. Get them involved in a church “ministry”. Encourage them to teach their own Bible studies to their families and to reach out to their friends.

D. TEACH THEM TO PRAY

Encourage them to have a special time of prayer at home: in their own “closet” and also with their immediate family.

Show them by your own example of your commitment to prayer meetings and pre-service prayer (a time to clear the way for the blessing of the Lord).

Instruct them in the “Prayer Clock” on the different types of prayer and the necessity of communication with God!

Section 4 – Establishing Attitudes and Habits

Give them a cosmopolitan view of the Church. It is encouraging to a new convert to know that our local church is not the only church that believes the same way! Encourage them to attend different functions, seminars and conferences.

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A. STRESS THE NECESSITY OF EVANGELISM

What is the value of a soul? They need to understand how fortunate they are, and how God desires them to reproduce themselves!

It is overwhelming to think that multitudes of people are lost without God. Encourage them to realize that they carry a message that people are looking for! We are the means whereby God wants to reach the world! Encourage them to be bold in their witness and to speak forthrightly about their new life in Christ Jesus. Remember that He gave us power to become “witnesses”.

Stress that soul winning is not just for preachers but for every Christian!

When they witness, nothing is more important and convincing than the WORD OF GOD and their own personal experience of obeying and receiving what the Word says. It is important for them to stress the “new birth” BIBLICALLY!

It is also important to instruct a new convert the importance of working around the altar.

- They may ask, “*How do I keep the Holy Ghost?*” The answer is, “*pray with those who are seeking it!*”
- When others receive the Holy Ghost, the altar worker will also receive a fresh blessing of the Lord.
- It is important for them to know what to do and what not to do around the altar!

B. INSTRUCT THEM IN STEWARDSHIP

You want the new convert to be a totally committed Christian. The area of their finances is also important.

Lead them properly in the scriptural principles of tithing and giving to God. To do this, you first must set the example. Let them see you giving!

Show them by example the blessings of giving to God and His work: tithing, missions offering, and various other offerings. Show them Biblically God’s plan for your church and for the support of the pastor He has called to lead it.

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This area, depending upon each new convert's attitude and approach to monetary issues, can be a real sensitive issue.

Approach it with love and patience, not with forced demand!



C. TEACH THEM TO EXERCISE THEIR FAITH

One of the major factors in living for God is a continuing growth of faith in trusting God.

Show them the importance of faithfulness to: God's house and God's Word.

Faith is powerful; fear is torment. We walk by faith, not by sight or feelings! **It is simply faith and trust in God!**

D. THE IMPORTANCE OF YOU

Be the leader. Stay in front and lead.

Be warm, compassionate, relaxed, faithful, and consistent in your walk with God.

Establish a reciprocal love that is not so intimate as to allow criticism of your personal habits.

Grow with your church; continually improve yourself.

If God has placed you in a particular place, don't take every opportunity to move as being from the Lord, or as a promotion. It might be just a temptation.

E. CONCLUSION

Disciple new converts, but allow God to make them into what HE wants them to be! Give them room to **GROW AND GROW AND GROW!!!**

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6. What does I Peter 2:2 tell us to desire?

7. What types of books should we share with new converts?

8. Where in the Bible should a new convert start reading?

9. Why is doctrine important according to I Timothy 4:16?

10. What is a very important thing we should teach a new convert to do?

NOTES: