

PMUS1159 DISCIPLING CHURCH MEMBERS  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
The Pastoral Ministry Certificate  
First Baptist Church Gonzales Extension  
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**New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Mission Statement**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

**The Pastoral Ministry Certificate**

The purpose of the Pastoral Ministry Certificate is to provide supplemental training for ministers in the areas in pastoral work, doctrine, biblical interpretation, and Christian education.

**Purpose of the Course**

The focus of this course, **Discipling Church Members**, is to familiarize students with the issues regarding discipleship as a function of the church. Methods will be surveyed, but the emphasis of the course is upon personal discipleship development.

**Course Textbook**

Whitney, Donald S. Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life. Colorado Springs, Colorado: NavPress, 1991, 2014.

**Attendance**

Because of the intense schedule of these certificate courses, the student should strive to be at every class meeting. Any more than two absences will result in the student being dropped from the course.

**Student Objectives**

At the end of the semester, the student will be able to:

1. Comprehend the biblical basis for discipleship and the call of God for every Christian to be a disciple.
2. Understand the classical Christian disciplines.
3. Practice these disciplines in his/her personal life for the purpose of spiritual growth.
4. Discern the necessity and biblical mandate for discipleship in the local church.
5. Engage in the practice of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

## Course Requirements

1. Students will need to bring a copy of the Bible to class.
2. Students will be required to keep a personal, spiritual journal. The journal is to be kept for five days each week for the length of the course. Included in the journal should be reflections from quiet times, one's personal Bible study plan, reflections on the disciplines studied in class. Also, the student will develop spiritual goals for the remainder of the year, and these goals will be entered into the journal. **The journal will be checked for a completion grade during each exam** (a late penalty will be assessed if the journal is not turned in during the exam). Each journal entry should be a minimum of 100 words.
3. Students will be required to read the textbook, Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Donald Whitney. Material from the reading may appear on quizzes and tests.
4. Student will be required to submit five spiritual goals for the remainder of 2018. These goals should be recorded in their journal and the students will be asked to state their goals on the final exam.
5. There will be two exams, a Mid-Course Exam and a Final Exam.
6. For the Final Exam the student will be asked to write for memory 2 Peter 1:3-10. (Acceptable translations are CSB, KJV, ESV, NIV or NASB)

## Course Evaluation

- 25%--Quizzes from the notes and reading assignments.  
(The lowest quiz score will be dropped)
- 25%--Journal
- 25%--Mid-course exam
- 25%--Final Exam

## **Course Schedule:**

### **Monday, March 12---6:30-9:00 p.m.**

- \*Review of Syllabus and Class Assignments
- \*A Biblical Basis for Discipleship
- \*A Biblical Portrait of a Disciple
- \*Spending Time with God
- \*Reading: Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, pp. 1-20; 249-270

### **Monday, March 19---6:30-8:45 p.m.**

- \*Quiz #1
- \*Introduction to Spiritual Disciplines
- \*The Bible and the Disciple
- \*Prayer and the Disciple
- \*Reading: Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, pp. 37-99

### **Monday, March 26---6:30-8:45 p.m.**

- \*Quiz #2
- \*Worship and the Disciple
- \*Evangelism and the Disciple
- \*Reading: Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, pp. 101-139

### **Monday, April 2---6:30-8:45 p.m.**

- \*MID-COURSE EXAM (BRING JOURNAL TO CLASS FOR GRADE)
- \*Serving and the Disciple
- \*Church Membership and the Disciple
- \*Stewardship and the Disciple
- \*Reading: Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, pp. 141-190

### **Monday, April 9---6:30-8:45 p.m.**

- \*Quiz #3
- \*Fasting and the Disciple
- \*Silence and Solitude and the Disciple
- \*Reading: Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, pp.191-248

### **Monday, April 16---6:30-8:45 p.m.**

- \*Quiz #4
- \*Journaling and the Disciple
- \*Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ
- \*Review for Final Exam
- \*Reading: Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, pp. 271-304

### **Monday, April 23 --6:30-8:45 p.m.**

- \*FINAL EXAM (BRING JOURNAL TO CLASS FOR GRADE)