



BIBLICAL DISCIPLESHIP

Daniel Goepfrich, Th.M.

daniel@theologyisforeveryone.com

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Even though Jesus commissioned his followers to “make disciples,” discipleship is one of the most misunderstood concepts in the church. From one local church to another, “discipleship” may be defined as small groups, classes, personal spiritual disciplines, or an entire program.

In this course, we will define and describe “biblical discipleship” based on 2 Peter 1:3-9 and how the writing apostles addressed believers on four spiritual levels.

This course will provide each attendee the capability of evaluating their own spiritual level and the tools for intentional spiritual growth for themselves (discipleship) and helping others (disciple-making).

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course the student should be able to:

1. Understand and explain the eight steps in the discipleship process
2. Understand and explain the four levels of spiritual maturity
3. Evaluate their own level of spiritual growth and maturity
4. Help someone else in their spiritual growth process

RECOMMENDED READING

Daniel Goepfrich, *The Path* (Oak Tree Community Church, 2015).

J. Dwight Pentecost, *Design for Discipleship* (Kregel, 1996). ISBN: 0-8254-3451-3

Robert E. Coleman, *The Master Plan of Discipleship* (Revell, 1998).

Jim Putman, *Real-Life Discipleship* (NavPress, 2010). ISBN: 978-1-61521-560-7

COURSE SCHEDULE

Module 1 The Path: Exegesis of 2 Peter 1:3-9; Faith

- Explanation of key terms
 - Introduction to “The Path”
 - The pure gospel
-

Module 2 The Path: Excellence

- Water baptism
 - Local church membership
 - All-in dedication
-

Module 3 The Path: Knowledge, Self-control, Perseverance, Godliness

- Bible study
 - Obedience
 - Tests, temptations, and trials
 - Personal devotion
-

Module 4 The Path: Brotherly Affection, & Unselfish Love

- Ministry to believers
 - Mission to unbelievers
-

Module 5 Spiritual Maturity: Infant

Module 6 Spiritual Maturity: Child

Module 7 Spiritual Maturity: Young Adult

Module 8 Spiritual Maturity: Parent
