VSB UPDATE March 2018

New Developments

Spiritual Formation Pathway

Village Schools of the Bible now offers three discipling tracks that build systematically on one another to help equip the saints for ministry, for building up the body of Christ...to the unity of the faith and ...to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...(Eph 4:12-16). These tracks are:

- 1. **Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey**—a crucial foundation for spiritual formation.
- 2. Everyday Faith—encourages thinking through faith application in everyday life.
- 3. **Biblical Leadership**—to help people lead by spiritual methods as opposed to secular methods.



Pipeline for Leadership Development



Now, more than ever before in our "post- Christian" culture, the church needs spiritually discerning leaders: people who are Word-saturated, Spirit-led, Christ- honoring and maturing in their faith journey. Taken together, these courses amount to 52 weeks of immersion in God's Word in preparation for God's mission. It's a great way to develop servant leaders modeled on Christ and equipped for a changing world.

High School or Homeschool Students

Did you know? Our course offerings are suitable for students aged 14 and above. Village Schools of the Bible has a close relationship with Educational Consultant Cheri Frame (from Credits Before College) who is well known in MACHE (Minnesota Association Christian Home Education) circles. Our course offerings can help fulfill high school courses. In addition high schoolers can earn university credits.

Need University Credits?

Co-operative agreements with University of Northwestern-St. Paul, Crown College and Association Free Lutheran Bible School mean that students can obtain university credits for our three course offerings. This is a great opportunity for students to build a solid foundation in their faith, develop a robust Biblical worldview, and develop leadership skills that can last a lifetime.



Certificate or Diploma Level?



Not everyone takes our courses at university level (what we call Diploma level). Diploma level courses are intensive and require considerable work (including writing papers each week) to meet university credit requirements.

However, students also have the option of taking our courses at the certificate level (not for university credit). All students are expected to journal (write papers), but the writing requirement for certificate-level students is a fraction (about 15%) of that of Diploma students.

Why do we ask students to journal?

Journaling encourages students to slow down from the frenetic pace of life, and truly immerse themselves in God's Word. A strategic decision to put God first in one's life is character-forming and transformational!

