

BUT IF ANYONE OBEYS HIS WORD, LOVE FOR GOD IS  
TRULY MADE COMPLETE IN THEM. THIS IS HOW WE  
KNOW WE ARE IN HIM: WHOEVER CLAIMS TO LIVE IN  
HIM MUST LIVE AS JESUS DID.

I JOHN 2:5-6



**STUDENT HANDBOOK**

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## MISSION

The Discover Ministry School (DMS) is a ministry of Pacific Open Bible which exists to equip passionate followers of Christ in God's Word and create a pathway for missional leadership and lifelong learning.

## VALUES

**Spiritual.** At the core of all we do is the goal of growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Practical.** While we strive to be academically excellent, we also want our students to understand the practical application of the teachings in both life and ministry leadership.

**Accessible.** We want students of all ages, all backgrounds, all economic standings and from multiple geographical areas to be able to access the full experience of the school.

**Affordable.** It is our goal that students of Discover will be able to attend the school without incurring any debt.

**Simple.** We will focus on areas of primary importance to ministry leadership utilizing methods that are easily understandable and easy to navigate.

## AFFILIATION

Discover Ministry School is a ministry of Pacific Open Bible and is a certified ministry school of Open Bible Churches.



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## OVERVIEW

Students are enrolled into TIERS, each of which represent one year of classes.

All students begin in TIER ONE: Foundations. Those who complete Tier One are eligible to apply for TIER TWO: Leadership, a more in-depth program.

Those who graduate Tier Two are encouraged to continue a path of lifelong learning and if so desired, apply for credentials with Open Bible Churches. We would assess with the candidate any further requirements that would need to be met to be eligible for ministerial credentials.



Students will also be evaluated based on attendance and participation.

Weekly attendance and ministry service in the local church is a part of the school curriculum. Students will be expected to attend church service and serve in an approved service capacity in their church. The same absence policy applies to church attendance as it does to class attendance – no more than 2 per quarter.

Your personal transformational disciplines of bible reading, prayer, worship, meditation and journaling will also be a part of the school curriculum and you will provide regular reports on your devotional discoveries.

We will place a high value on initiative and communication. If you are unable to be somewhere that you are expected or committed to be (class, church, ministry assignment, etc.), we expect you to communicate that to your Campus Director or appropriate overseer *until* you receive a response.

In the event of a failing final course grade because of unusual and/or unexpected circumstances, a student may petition their Campus Director for a solution that both helps the student in their grasp of the course and maintains the standards of DMS.

### DISCOVER CLASS AND REFUND POLICIES

Because of the importance of class interaction, courses may not be taken as independent study.

A student may withdraw from a course for a full refund of that course prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> class of each quarter. No partial refunds will be given.

Full payment for each course is required prior to the beginning of each quarter.

## STUDENT GUIDELINES + EXPECTATIONS

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In the event of conflict we will handle it according to the following scriptures: Matthew 5:23-24; Matthew 18:15-17.

### CLASS EXPECTATIONS

Attend all classes on time. Since classes are taught live via simulcast, it is important that students are ready when class begins.

It is understood that much of the DMS class work will be done online. We do not provide “hard copies” of assignments, tests, articles, etc. that are posted on the Discover Moodle page.

Stay connected through your student Moodle page. Complete the assigned work and participate in community forums when available.

The classes will be interactive. We want students to grow in their confidence, so students will be encouraged to contribute to the discussion because we believe everybody has something of value to contribute.

Some of the greatest learning happens through asking great questions. Students will be challenged not only to arrive at great answers, but to develop the art of asking great questions.

Each quarter is 9 weeks. Students are allowed two class absences per quarter but must complete the assigned work and watch the teaching video of the missed class(es).

Final grades are given on a pass/fail basis. However, individual student assignments will be graded on a 0-100 scale with recommendations of how to improve.

## TIER ONE.

### DISCOVER FOUNDATIONS.

#### *Open to Everybody*

One night per week – 2 hours per class

Taught by select pastors who have a track record of success

Students from multiple churches gather at a centrally located campus site. Multiple campuses in the region, but the teaching is live video broadcast from a central campus that may move from course to course.

Every site has a Campus director (who is also a pastor) who leads discussion, provides oversight for that site and administrative support.

Courses are 9 weeks and include reading, homework, testing, church attendance and ministry involvement in their local church.

Weekly Class format: 45 minutes teaching; 15 minutes Q&A with teacher (via text questions); 1 hour discussion and group interaction at each campus.

All registration, assignments, etc. will be managed through a central web-based learning management system called Moodle.

**<http://www.discoverministrieschool.com/moodle>**

Completion of first 4 courses results in a “Certificate of Completion.”

## TIER TWO.

### DISCOVER LEADERSHIP.

Those who receive a Tier One certificate, are assessed and approved by Discover leadership, and are recommended by their lead pastor would be eligible to apply for the Leadership Preparation Track. Tier Two would include:

Next level ministry training

Further development of a biblical, missional ecclesiology through weekly courses, assignments and reading.

Practical Internship in approved ministry sites

Two “intensives” where all Tier Two students will gather for additional training.

A local “community” environment with other second tier students

Encouragement and possible opportunities to learn and start something (a trade, a ministry, etc.) from “ground level.”

## STUDENT GUIDELINES + EXPECTATIONS

### PERSONAL CONDUCT

Students who are a part of Discover Ministry School are first and foremost growing representatives of Christ. But you also represent your church and DMS. As such, we expect students to live in a manner consistent with the biblical demands of Christ-followers. This is a life characterized by the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

We want you to grow in relationship with Jesus, empowered by His Holy Spirit and in accordance with His Word – the Bible. This is a life characterized by the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). If at any time we see evidence that you are struggling with this, we will address it according to scripture so that we can help you continue to be all that God believes you can be.

Discover recognizes the spiritual authority of the pastor in the life of a student. Each student will be accountable to their Campus Director for their classwork, spiritual growth and leadership development. However, the Campus Director works to support the student’s pastor in his role as their spiritual authority. When correction is needed, the DMS leadership will work in collaboration with the student’s pastor for direction.

We are Kingdom people. One of the beautiful aspects of Discover is that we will have students from multiple churches learning together. It is important that each student honor and respect every other student’s relationship to their “home” church. We will never attempt to recruit a student away from their home church and we will always speak well of each church’s unique contribution to the Kingdom of God.



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God eternally revealed to the world in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. By Him were all things created.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His victorious and atoning sacrifice through His crucifixion and His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that because of man's total inability to save himself, salvation is by God's grace alone; is received through sincere godly repentance, and a wholehearted acceptance of Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. Through the regeneration of the Holy Spirit, he becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus.

We believe in the present and personal ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. Those that are saved are resurrected to eternal life and those that are lost are resurrected to eternal damnation.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. The local church provides opportunity for believers to gather together to learn from God's Word, to encourage one another, to be strengthened spiritually and to minister to one another in order to serve their given mission field to the best of their ability.

## TIER THREE.

### *LIFELONG LEARNING & PATH TO CREDENTIALS.*

Those who complete Tier Two would be encouraged to continue a path of lifelong learning and if so desired, apply for credentials with Open Bible Churches. We would assess with the candidate any further requirements that would need to be met to be eligible for ministerial credentials. We would then work with them to find or create appropriate ministry opportunities.

We will also utilize the Discover platform for a region-wide ministerial seminar/training and communication.

## EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY + PRACTICE



All aspects of the school – academic, spiritual & practical – will have in mind the goal of developing a *MISSIONAL LEADER* and will be evaluated based on that goal. All of the teaching, mentoring and experience will help them know how this applies to the gospel mission of making disciples for Jesus.

Teaching will be done by effective pastors and our Campus directors will also be pastors who can help the student to know how to make practical application of the information they are learning.

“Discover” – We want to create a culture that learns how to ask better *questions*, not just have the right *answers* because we believe that great questions lead to better understanding.

“Lifelong” – Discover is a *beginning*, not an end. It is not our intention to provide an exhaustive ministry education through Discover. It is our intention to start students on a path of lifelong learning.

“Missional” – We want to develop leaders who live as “sent” ones in their communities. John 20:21

While this is an Open Bible school which adheres to and will teach Open Bible doctrine and practice, Discover will also at times expose students to a broader spectrum of evangelical theology. This will help the student to have an understanding and appreciation for both the development of doctrine and the range of doctrine within the evangelical church.

COSTS

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| <b>TIER ONE:</b>                           |                   |
| Tuition - \$99.00 per quarter x 4 quarters | \$396.00          |
| Registration & Assessments                 | \$ 30.00          |
| Books (estimate)                           | <u>\$140.00</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$566.00</b>   |
| <br><b>TIER TWO (estimated):</b>           |                   |
| Tuition - \$300 per quarter x 4 quarters   | \$1,200.00        |
| Registration & Assessment                  | \$ 200.00         |
| Books                                      | <u>\$ 200.00</u>  |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$1,600.00</b> |