

BIBLE (10 Units)

1. Course Description

The focus of this class is to develop a strong relationship with Jesus Christ. The student will deepen his relationship through regular reading of the Bible, prayer, and encouragement.

The student will attend discussion groups and Bible studies. Also, the student will go through various books to gain more knowledge and application for his walk. We recognize that none of this can be accomplished without prayer and petitioning God for understanding and wisdom.

2. Instructional Material

- A. The Living Insights Study Bible, New International version, Zondervan Corporation, 1996.
- B. The One Year Book of Christian History. Tyndale House Publishing, 2003
- C. The Case For Faith. Zondervan Publishing House, 2000
- D. The Mortification of Sin. Christian Focus Publications, LTD 2003

3. Course Goals and Objectives :

Objectives:

- A. The student will define faith.
- B. The student will formulate his own thoughts and questions as they read and study.
- C. The student will describe and explain their thoughts in discussions.
- D. The student will begin to pray for opportunities and apply what is being learned.
- E. The student will relate with and enjoy his walk with God.
- F. The student will identify key events in Christian history.
- G. The student will be challenged by identifying and looking intently at the evidence that is presented.

Goals:

- A. The student will continue to develop personal disciplines to encourage his walk with God.
- B. The student will grow in his relationship with God through not only devotions, and prayer, but application of the knowledge gained.
- C. The student will pray for and allow the Lord to use him in the process of discipleship and encouraging others in their faith and walk with God.

4. Course Outline:

- A. Faith defined
- B. Prayer
- C. Objection #1: Since evil and suffering exist, a loving God cannot.
- D. Objection #2: Since miracles contradict science, they cannot be true.
- E. Objection #3: Evolution explains life, so God isn't needed.
- F. Objection #4: God isn't worthy of worship if He kills innocent children.
- G. Objection #5: It's offensive to claim Jesus is the only way to God.
- H. Objection #6: A loving God would never torture people in hell.
- I. Objection #7: Church history is littered with oppression and violence.
- J. Objection #8: I still have doubts, so I must not be a Christian.
- K. The Power of Faith.
- L. Let Go and Let God.
- M. A Puritan Giant.
- N. Wisdom on Mortification.
 - o. The Foundation: Romans 8:13
- P. Mortification, the Duty of the Best Believers
- Q. How the Spirit Mortifies Sin
- R. The Vigor and Comfort of Our Spiritual Life Depends on Our Mortification.
- S. What is it to mortify any sin, negatively considered?
- T. No Mortification Unless a Man be a Believer
- U. Thoughtfulness of the Excellency of the Majesty of God

- V. Faith in Christ.
- W. Christian Brothers and Sisters on Down Through History

5. Teaching methods:

- A. Verbal questioning students as to "why" they came to their thoughts and conclusions
- B. Practical application
- C. Discussion Format

6. Evaluation:

A. Components:

- 1. Daily reading schedule
- 2. Two written tests
- 3. Teacher-student interaction and discussion

B. Grading scale:

- 90-100% =A
- 80-89% =B
- 70-79% =C
- 60-69% =D
- 50-59% =F