



DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL

Calvary Chapel
Perris Valley

Information Booklet

Study to show yourself approved unto God. . .
2 Tim 2:15

WHY A DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL

As a church grows it becomes more challenging for its members to be personally discipled. The introduction of this school is to keep discipleship primary in the church in order to fulfill the "Great Commission."

In 1996 I started the "School of Ministry" at Calvary Chapel Moreno Valley while I served as missions pastor. There are many churches that have what they call a "School of Ministry." They vary as to their purpose and organization. This school came from a desire to be a sender of mature individuals into our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the utter most parts of the world. However, in order to be a sender there needed to be a resource of prepared and mature individuals to send.

The school continued for 13 years with two other pastors overseeing the school during those years. The impact of the school went beyond what I imagined. I saw tremendous spiritual growth in those who participated and an increase in their service and love for Jesus. Many are now overseeing ministries and have come to a greater understanding and use of their gifts God has given them. They grew in their understanding of ministry and their commitment to the Body of Christ.

During my time at Calvary Chapel Moreno Valley the Lord placed His vision in my heart for this school to be an incubator for discipleship. To provide instruction for men and women who desire more of Jesus. This was achieved and the desire now is to revive the school here at Calvary Chapel Perris Valley but with a new name, "Discipleship School," and It will fill a place in our three tiers of discipleship. I pray that the Lord direct you in your participation and that His will be done in each individual who attends.

Bob Ybarra

Discipleship School

PURPOSE

Discipleship is best received through practical teaching and active application of the Word of God. Calvary Chapel Perris Valley desires to be a church that promotes spiritual maturity in men and women. To see Ephesians 4:11-16 in action.

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:11-16

The purpose of the Discipleship School is to fill a central part of our three tiers of discipleship. The first tier is met with our regular Church services and Bible studies we have at CCPV. The third tier is the Intern program, an intensive 3 year program that provides preparation for long term ministry. The Discipleship School rests between these two tiers and will provide an environment for men and women to fulfill their desire to deepen their relationship that will deepen their relationship and service to the Lord. The school is intended to develop needed tools and experience, as well as develop the individual's gifts.

PHILOSOPHY

Jesus gave us the best example of discipleship. He took a small band of men and through His personal life and teaching demonstrated the heart and purpose of ministry. He gave the men opportunity to serve alongside Him in situations that would temper their faith.

The Apostle Paul also took men to serve alongside him. They experienced his ministry, received his teaching and participated in service.

The Discipleship School is committed to following these examples by limiting admission. This will encourage a more personal ministry to each of the students participating in the school, and will develop this philosophy in the student's future ministry.

Three Semesters

There are three semesters, with the the First Semester beginning the first Thursday of February.

Each semester has a particular focus.

First semester is focused on your personal relationship with the Lord.

Second semester is focused on your relationship with His Church.

Third semester is focused on your relationship with the world and ministry to the unsaved.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

Since students are required to be involved in ministry at Calvary Chapel or their home church, spiritual maturity and a strong understanding of fundamental doctrine is beneficial. Therefore, the following requirements establish eligibility.

- Continual attendance at Calvary Chapel Perris Valley or their home church for at least one year.
- A firm faith in and relationship with Jesus Christ
- Each student must receive a referral from a church elder or pastoral staff.
- Commitment to serve in an ongoing ministry within Calvary Chapel Perris Valley or home church.
- Commitment to place these classes as a priority.

ADMISSION

Individual applications are required. The application and references will be reviewed and may be followed by an interview. We ask that Application be submitted by the third weekend of January.

Admission is limited to a maximum of twenty (20) people in order to provide personal discipleship to each student.

Tuition is due at the time of application.

TUITION

Tuition is \$100.00 and covers cost of:

Three required reading books each semester

Special study Flash Drive,

Pastor Dan Finfrock's Inductive Bible Study Class

Guest Pastor honorariums

Additional costs will be required to cover your local weekend mission trip at the end of the third semester. (Destination to be determined)

Time and Location of Classes

Regular classes are on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 PM at Calvary Chapel Perris Valley. Friday nights and Saturdays may be used occasionally for special workshops. Schedule will be provided.

Discipleship School runs for approximately nine months with three semesters. This year's commitment begins on the first thursday in February and will end in August.

ACTIVE DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship not only consists of classroom instruction so students will be required to be committed to the following:

- Regular attendance of Wednesday and Sunday services.
- Typed or handwritten notes of the pastor's teaching will be required homework and turned in at the end of each semester.
- Committed to serving in a regular ongoing ministry at your church.
- Participation in special outreach ministries at your church.
- Participation in a weekend mission trip to Mexico to serve with a long term missionary at the end of the third semester (To be scheduled).

Class Descriptions

SEMESTER ONE : RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD

ASSIGNMENTS

Regular attendance Sunday morning services and Wednesday night study. Students to turn in typed or handwritten notes at the end of each week.

Required Reading - Gayle Erwin's "Jesus Style" (Submit a paragraph on how each chapter ministered to you personally).

Special Challenge - Write and share personal testimony with class (Guide provided).

CLASSES (partial list)

Marks of Maturity

How are Christians to grow and mature.

Devotional Life

What a devoted life is and why it's needful.

Worship as a Life

What is worship? This is as important as Who we worship, both personally and corporately.

Prayer & Hearing God

Practical teaching and application for speaking and communicating to the Lord.

Spirit Filled Life

Dependency and trust in the leading, gifts and power of the Holy Spirit.

Bible Overview

Basic overview of the books of the Bible and how they relate.

SEMESTER TWO : RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHURCH

ASSIGNMENTS

Regular attendance Sunday morning services and Wednesday night study. Students to turn in typed or handwritten notes at the end of each week.

Required Reading - Warren Wiersbe's "On being a Servant of God" (Submit a paragraph on how each chapter ministered to you personally).

Special Challenge - Sharing a Bible devotion in front of the class.

CLASSES (partial list)

Communicating the Bible

Practical approach to discipling others in God's Word. Students will have opportunity to lead devotion.

Purpose of the Church

What the Church is and God's purpose for her.

Leadership: Pastor, Elder, Deacon

The positions, roles and responsibilities of leadership.

Youth Ministry

Overview of ministry to the young members of the congregation and the goals of discipling them in the Word of God.

Knowing your Gifts

You got gifts and need to walk in them.

Inductive Bible Study Seminar

Special Workshop to train you to study God's word.

SEMESTER THREE: THE OUTREACH

ASSIGNMENTS

Regular attendance Sunday morning services and Wednesday night study. Students to turn in typed or handwritten notes at the end of each week.

Required Reading - Case for Christ - Lee Strobel (Submit a paragraph on how each chapter ministered to you personally)

Special Challenge - Street witnessing & 3 day Mission Trip at end of semester (to be determined).

CLASSES (partial list)

Spiritual Warfare

Knowing and standing against our invisible enemy.

Evangelism

History, purpose, and methods of evangelism.

Apologetics

Giving a clear and concise defence of the faith starts with a clear concise understanding of the message.

Religions and Cults

A review of the basic differences between Christianity and other religions.

Missions Basics

Introduction to the purpose and approach to world missions and cross-cultural ministry.

Special Saturday Sessions

During each semester we have some special Saturday sessions with guest speakers that will supplement the regular classes. Attendance is required and cost, if any, is included in tuition.

SPECIAL MESSAGE CD'S

Listen to a selection of message CD's

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Each student is required to regularly serve in a ministry at CCPV or at their Church and participate in an outreach ministry.

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