

KINGDOMBELIEVERS

Elevation Worship Center
Kingdom Bible Institute (KBI)
Multi Semester - Unilateral Syllabus

Awards Granted:

Certificate of Completion in Personal Discipleship (1Year)
Certificate of Completion in General Bible Survey (3 Years)
Certificate of Completion in Moral Ethics and the Christian Church (6 months)
Certification in Christian Leadership (2 Years)
Ordination to Christian Ministry (6 months)

INSTRUCTORS

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COURSES OFFERED

PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP - (1 YEAR)

This course is designed for the new believer or those who are not as acquainted with the body of Christ. The course also serves as our discipleship (new members) class. Students begin to learn the basic fundamental truths about what the bible says about Christians and some essential truths about our salvation by faith through grace. The bible teaching covers the simple facts about personal salvation, the bible itself, the living Word, the Lord, our Divine relationship with Him, the role of the Church and our call to serve in the local church.

GENERAL BIBLE SURVEY – (3 YEARS)

The course presents with a survey of the content of God's Word, the Bible, focusing on its purpose, historical narratives, background, and teachings. Emphasis is placed on its nature and authority; its historical, cultural and religious backgrounds; its historical development; its types of literature; and its content and major themes.

MORAL ETHICS AND THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH – (6 MONTHS)

The course examines applicable history and the evolution of various moral issues in society today and the effects they have on the Christian Church. Each issue is examined through the lens of current legislation and weighed in contrast to biblical principles. Finally, the course looks at practical solutions for each moral issue, as it relates to the commands of God and His will for the Christian church.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP – (2 YEARS)

This course is designed for those who are already Christian leaders to give them Biblical principles for the development of additional godly spiritual leaders. Because they give biblical principles for growth in spiritual leadership, the course is also essential for Christians that want to grow and become godly spiritual leaders. Mark 10:43-45 says, “Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.” Course requirements are tailored to the student’s need and are based on previous leadership experience. However, all Christian Leadership students must take *Moral Ethics and the Christian Church*.

ORDINATION TO CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Ordination is the acknowledgment by a community of believers that a person has been called to ministry; accompanied by their commission to advance the cause of Christ. Evidence of ones call to the gospel ministry is examined via personal interview by a panel of leaders and an essay. In addition to the interview and the composition, candidates are required to submit a personal statement and 3 Letters of Reference.

Institute Objectives

General Learning Objectives:

Students will gain an overall view of the content of the Bible, including its central message, background, and main teachings, as a foundation for both personal response and further academic integration with other disciplines.

Specific Learning Objectives:

1. To know the basic content of the Bible -- its main events, major players, and principal teachings.
2. To grasp the central message that unfolds in the Bible -- God's plan of redemption through Christ our savior.
3. To see the unity of the Bible and appreciate the Old Testament as a foundation for the New.
4. To be aware of the historical phases of God's progressive revelation of himself in the Bible.
5. To understand biblical history in its context of near eastern history and culture.
6. To recognize and appreciate the Bible's various literature types and writing styles.
7. To examine selected theological ideas from the Bible and their current relevance.
8. To respond to the truths of scripture with personal faith and obedience for spiritual life and growth.
9. To begin to integrate Bible knowledge with other disciplines.

Reference Books You Need for KBI

- 1. The New International Version (NIV) Study Bible** (Kenneth L. Barker, general editor).

Although the introductory sections in this study Bible are required reading, you are not limited to the NIV (New International Version) for the assigned Bible chapters. You may use any translation, but the following are recommended: the New International Version, the New Revised Standard Version and The English Standard Version.

- 2. The King James Version (KJV) of the Holy Bible**

You may use any King James Bible. However, we recommend a “study bible.” The Dake’s Annotated is recommended by KBI faculty.

- 3. A biblical concordance.** You may use any bible concordance. However, The Strong’s Concordance is recommended by KBI faculty

Four Rules for KBI Institute Success

If you choose to follow these rules, your odds of learning the material and earning a satisfactory grade will improve greatly.

First

Show up! To succeed in this course, you must choose to attend every scheduled class period in its entirety. For absences such as illnesses or personal problems, please contact your instructor prior to class. If an emergency prevents you from contacting your instructor prior to class, contact him/her as soon as possible following the emergency.

Every student has one "free" unexcused absence per year per course (although it is really not free, you always miss something when you miss class). A second unexcused absence will result in a 5% cut in your final class grade and a third absence a 10% cut. These cuts are in addition to any quiz, participation or in-class assignment points you lose due to your absence. More than three unexcused absences may result in failing grade for the class. Attending classes is the single most important rule in succeeding in our institute. Tardiness of over 25 minutes will result in an absence for the day.

Second

Do the work! To succeed in this institute, you must choose to do your very best work in preparing for each class session and on all your assignments. Whatever we do we are commanded to do it as unto the Lord.

Third

Participate actively! To succeed in this institute, you must choose to stay focused and involved in every class, offering your best comments, questions, and answers. Classes are designed as seminar classes, not lecture classes. Active discussion is expected of all students.

Electronic Devices: Please place your cell phone on "vibrate" before class begins so you can focus on the class discussion and not cause a distraction for others. Personal conversational texting in class is prohibited except for emergencies. However, the use of laptops or tablets is permitted in class for the sole purpose of searching or referencing topical subject matters. Please, no personal texting in class, other than emergencies. Please keep your phone on "vibrate" and step out of the class if you absolutely must take a call.

Respect: You will be exposed to a variety of viewpoints, values and opinions that will differ from your own. All students should feel comfortable expressing their viewpoints and concerns in class. You are an important part of creating an atmosphere that makes this possible. This applies to your instructor(s) also!

Fourth

Be Honest! Your instructors and fellow Students expect you to choose to act with integrity in all your classes.

Responsibilities

You can expect your instructors to:

- Attend every class period and arrive to class on time.
- Come to class with a good attitude. Be prayerful.
- Be respectful of your ideas and value the diversity you bring to the classroom
- Be open to dialogue that challenges me
- Answer any appropriate questions you may have
- Use a variety of teaching techniques and modalities to accommodate different learning styles
- Return written assignments in class and online in a timely fashion and provide helpful feedback
- Be present during stated office hours
- Minimize disruptions and distractions in the classroom so that everyone has the best possible opportunity to learn

Course Assignments

1. All assignments should be turned in on the due date. Late assignments will be negotiated between you and your instructor.
2. All written assignments should be typed, double-spaced, using 12-point font. No handwritten assignments will be accepted.
3. We may use email on occasion for posting class announcements and communicating pertinent information regarding course matters.

Statement

The instructor is dedicated to establishing a learning environment that promotes diversity of the students including race, class, culture, religion, gender, sexual identity, and physical ability. It is important that this is a safe classroom environment. We will practice being generous and respectful members of our classroom community. Anyone noticing discriminatory behavior in this class, or who feels discriminated against, should bring it to the attention of the instructor immediately.

Accommodations

Accommodations are collaborative efforts between student and faculty. Students who need special accommodations or have a documented please let us know.

Grading

A	93 – 100	4.0
A-	90 – 92	3.7
B+	87 – 89	3.3
B	83 – 86	3.0
B-	80 – 82	2.7
C+	77 – 79	2.3
C	73 – 76	2.0
C-	70 – 72	1.7
D+	67 – 69	1.3
D	63 – 66	1.0
D-	60 – 62	0.7
F	0 - 59	0.0

Students are expected to complete all reading assignments before each class session. In addition, you are expected to come to class prepared to contribute to discussions of the topics and materials and actively engage in class discussions. You can't participate if you are not in class.

COURSE OVERVIEWS

Personal Discipleship – (6 Month Course)

Award: Certificate of Completion in Personal Evangelism

This course is designed for the new believer. Students begin to learn the basic fundamental truths about the bible say about Christians and some essential truths about our salvation by faith through grace. The bible teaching covers the simple facts about personal salvation, the bible itself, the living Word, the Lord, our Divine relationship with Him, the role of the Church and our call to serve in the local church. Upon completion Disciples should be able to convey what the bible is and what it says about salvation; how they are saved, by what rights do they claim salvation and what it means to be saved forever. Students build off the truths from (DI). Now that the disciples have level-set on basic fundamental truths DII picks up the journey and travels deeper into biblical history to further explain our relationship to Christ. We will review the bible and man's relationship to God by way of three (3) dispensations or time periods in the Bible. These periods are called the Patriarchal, Mosaic and Christian (Grace) Dispensations. Disciples now can begin to tie together the Old and New Testaments. Upon completion disciples will better understand how to bridge what God was doing in the Old Testament to where the New Testament Church carries on.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

1. Following the Pattern
2. Being Prepared
3. Getting Involved
4. Sharing your Experience
5. Understanding the Task
6. Overcoming Barriers
7. Considering Approaches
8. Expectant Rewards

General Bible Survey –Old and New Testaments (3 year course)

Award: Certificate of Completion in General Bible Survey

General Bible Survey is designed for students to survey the Old and New Testaments: Genesis thru Revelation. An overview of the Old Testament will be presented using systematic, chronological, thematic and exegetical methods. The student will develop a biblical worldview, grasp the purpose of the Law and its typology, witness the unfolding of the Messianic anticipation and cultivate a worshipful heart from beholding God's faithfulness to Israel. The course then proceeds to the poetic and prophetic books of the Old Testament. An overview will be presented with particular attention to the historical context, literary structure, and theological content of each book. This study is designed for the intellectual shaping and ethical development of the Christian student, who is not just a disciple of Christ's teaching – but also a legitimate heir to Israel's Scriptures. Finally, the course presents an overview of the New Testament focused on the theme, purpose, structure, and basic content of each individual book and the relation of each book to the whole Bible. Strong emphasis is also given to the application of the message of each book for personal spiritual development, ministry and instruction.

Topics Include, but are not limited to:

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Israel's Wandering
4. Joshua, Judges, Ruth
5. The United Kingdom
6. The Wisdom Literature
7. The Divided Kingdom
8. Captivity and Restoration
9. The Life of Christ
10. Acts of the Apostles
11. New Testament Epistles
12. Final Epistles & Revelation

Moral Ethics and the Christian Church (6 month course)

Award: Certificate of Completion in Christian Moral Issues

This course is designed for students to give careful consideration to several of the moral issues facing the Christian church today. Morality is understanding the distinction between right and wrong and living according to that understanding. Ethics is the philosophy of how that morality guides individual and group behavior. The two are closely related, with morality being the foundation of ethics. The course focuses on examining applicable history and the evolution of various issues in society and the church today. Each issue is examined through the lens of the laws of the land and compared with biblical principles and personal values. Finally, the course looks at practical solutions for each moral issue, as it relates to the commands of God and His will for the Christian church.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

1. Who Decides Morality?
2. Abortion
3. Abuse
4. Dancing
5. Drinking
6. Gambling
7. Homosexuality
8. Immodesty
9. New Age Movement
10. Obscenity
11. Racism
12. Respectable Worldliness
13. Suicide
14. Violence
15. Biblical Correctness

Christian Leadership – (2 year course)

Award: Certification in Christian Leadership

This course is designed for the Christian leader and for Christians that want to grow and become godly spiritual leaders. Mark 10:43-45 says, “Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” In these verses Christ taught that godly spiritual leaders do not have the attitudes of leaders in the world. Worldly leadership is based on power

and authority and is designed to benefit the leader and place him above others. In contrast, godly spiritual leadership is designed to help every Christian reach their full potential in Christ.

Topics Include, but are not limited to:

1. Five Priorities of Spiritual Leadership
2. Basic Qualifications for Spiritual Leadership
3. Four Calls and a Commission
4. Call Two - Come and Grow
5. Call Three - Come and Serve
6. Call Four - Come and Shepherd
7. Commissioned to Make Disciples
8. Leaders who are Driven or Leaders who are Led
9. Learning to Lead a Part of the Flock
10. Learning to Develop Biblical Goals
11. Developing the Process to Reach Biblical Goals
12. Godly Leaders are Made not Born

Ordination to Christian Ministry - (2 year course)

Award: Certificate of Ordination

Ordination is the acknowledgment by a community of believers that a person has been called to ministry; accompanied by their commission to advance the cause of Christ. Evidence of ones call to the gospel ministry is examined via personal interview by a panel of leaders. However, there are specific topics that the candidate should be familiar with, and therefore, the candidate must adequately display evidence of knowledge before the panel of leaders and in writing in the form of a 3000 word composition. The topics that candidates will be examined on include, but are not limited to:

1. Spiritual Experience
2. Family Life
3. The Holy Scriptures
4. The Trinity
5. The Atonement
6. Regeneration
7. The Holy Spirit
8. The Doctrine of the Church
9. Social and Moral Issues
10. The Pastoral Ministry

In addition to the interview and the composition, candidates are required to submit a personal statement and 3 Letters of Reference.