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B201 / B501 / B701

Apostolic Foundations

Course Description & Syllabus

This course is written to present some of the essential foundation stones and building materials necessary for the New Testament Church to fulfill its mission. Today, the need to enhance one's awareness and effectiveness for building an apostolic pattern exists. This course is designed to provide enrichment through practical applications that enhance the life of every believer, leader, and their ministry teams. As there are always traditional barriers to the new things that God does, so there is ongoing resistance to the full function of the five-fold ministry in the Church. Some of this is understandable, as every new thing that God wants to restore arrives on the scene in a less-than-mature form and expression. Because we carry the divine anointing in human vessels, our ministry typically manifests weakness and error along with the glory and the power. This is to be expected. The good news is that God is patient, determined and committed to us and His purposes. He is drawing His bride to Himself and steadily building His glorious Church, as only He can.

This course can be taken at an undergraduate level of study (B201 - toward a Bachelor degree), or it can be taken on a graduate level of study (B501/B701 - toward a Masters or Doctors degree), providing the course requirements are met as explained in this course syllabus.

OBJECTIVES:

ACADEMIC--- To enable the student to gain a basic knowledge and understanding of the importance of the ministry of the apostle to the Church universal.

ATTITUDINAL--- To conceptualize an awareness and understanding of the office of the five-fold ministry and their relevance to the modern church today.

BEHAVIORAL--- To help the student engage in diverse practical applications of the characteristics, functions, and structure of the office of the apostle as one participates in the building of an effective New Testament church and/or ministry.



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COURSE GRADING:

Chesapeake Bible College and Seminary uses a four-point grading system to calculate both semester and cumulative grade point averages. Point grades for all quizzes, exams, projects, and/or papers in any given course will be averaged to determine the final letter grade for the course, as applicable.

GRADING: - Description of Letter / Points

Work of an exceptional quality – A / 93 - 100%

Work of a commendable quality – B / 85 - 92%

Work of an acceptable quality – C / 78 - 84%

Work of minimal but passing quality – D / 70 - 77%

Failing work, no credit given – F / 0 - 69%

NOTE: Students are strongly advised to make copies of all course work submitted to Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary for grading.



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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

STUDY TEXT: There is no textbook required for this course. Scripture passages, unless otherwise noted, are from the New King James version of the Holy Bible.

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B201 - (DIPLOMA – ASSOCIATE - BACHELOR) – 3 CREDIT - DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

For Students taking this course as an undergraduate, (4) credit course, an additional six (6)-page essay is required to be submitted on the subject of: How is/can your ministry positively impact the Kingdom through your efforts in doing team ministry? This six (6)-page essay includes a cover page & bibliography page. The essay is to be typed double spaced, in New Times Roman type font, 12 font size. The instructions for essay/assignment submission are as follows: Coursework may be electronically uploaded into the Online Student Portal (if taking the course as an Online Student); submitted to the overseeing Instructor (if taking the course as part of a Distance Learning (DLC) Center); or electronically emailed to Assignment@chesapeakebiblecollege.com.

1. Maintain a minimum of a "C" average for the course.
2. Read all materials assigned.

3. Study the review materials.
4. Before taking the final examination, *the student will submit a minimum four-page reflection response essay which answers any three (3) possible reflection questions as outlined as part of Appendix 1 (Extra Study by Chapter Reflection Questions)*. This will constitute one-half (50%) of your grade for the course. Outlines submitted must have course title page and may be submitted as outlined in the B201 Degree Requirement description above.
5. Successful completion of the Mid-term (25%) and Final (25%) Examinations will constitute the remainder of your grades for the course.

B501 - (MASTERS) – 4 CREDIT - DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

For students taking this course on a Master's level, the student must:

1. Maintain a minimum of a "B" average for the course.
2. Read all materials assigned.
3. Study the review materials.
4. Before taking the final examination, the student will submit a ten (10)- page essay on any topic pertaining to the subject studied in this course. This ten (10)-page essay includes a cover page & bibliography page. The essay is to be typed double spaced, in New Times Roman type font, 12 font size. The instructions for essay/assignment submission are as follows: Coursework may be electronically uploaded into the Online Student Portal (if taking the course as an Online Student); submitted to the overseeing Instructor (if taking the course as part of a Distance Learning (DLC) Center); or electronically emailed to Assignment@chesapeakebiblecollege.com. The essay will constitute one-half (50%) of your grade for the course.
5. Successful completion of the Mid-term (25%) and Final (25%) Examinations will constitute the remainder of your grades for the course.

B701 - (DOCTORS) – 4 CREDIT - DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

For students taking this course on a Doctor's level, the requirements are the same as the Master's degree (see above) except the student must write a twenty (20)-page essay, instead of a ten (10)- page essay. This twenty (20)-page essay includes a cover page & bibliography page. The essay may be submitted as outlined in the B201 Degree Requirement and the Master's Degree descriptions above.



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Apostolic Foundations Syllabus

COURSE INTRODUCTION

This course provides a compilation of teachings from a number of apostolic leaders and is used by permission of Christian Equippers International. It is rich in the wisdom of God's Word, but it is also full of lessons in practical application. *We graciously thank the many contributors* for their wisdom, insight and contributions to these course materials as outlined below as we advance the cause for Christ.

Read the Foreword & Introduction

For lessons or overall course requirements, students should:

- Read the accompanying lessons and topics outlined within the course work
- Read and reflect on accompanying Scriptures as relevant to the course work
- Review study materials as applicable for this lesson
- Reflect on the lesson reflection question and explore how your learning applies today in the church and various marketplace settings
- Complete any supervision or supplemental readings applicable to course of study

Lesson 1 – The Vision and Purpose of God, by Jim Durkin

Section 1 – The Concept and Practice of the Vision

Section 2 – Understanding the Importance of Vision

Section 3 – Exchange Survival Vision for God's Vision

Section 4 – Vision Containers

Section 5 – People with Vision

Section 6 – Lord Give me a Vision

Section 7 – What Vision do we Implant?

Section 8 – God's Vision for the Church

Section 9 – Putting Vision into the People

Lesson 2 – Laying the Foundation Stones, by Dick Iverson

Section 1 – The Church Prophesied of

Section 2 – A Spiritual House

Section 3 – A Glorious Church

Section 4 – Laying a Good Foundation

Lesson 3 – Building with a Long-Term Plan, by Jim Durkin

Section 1 – Short v. Long Term Perspectives

Section 2 – What is Long Term Perspective?

Section 3 – Avoiding Destructive Short-Term Thinking

Lesson 4 – Relationships and the Church, by Jim Durkin

Section 1 – Building Committed Relationships

Section 2 – Covenant: The Basis of all Enduring Relationships

Section 3 – Covenant Church Families

Section 4 – The Benefits of Covenant

Section 5 – A Clear Vision

Section 6 – Speaking Truth

Section 7 – Trigger Words

Section 8 – Where to Start

Lesson 5 – Equipping the Saints as the Body of Christ, by Terry Edwards

Section 1 – A Whole View for a Healthy Balance

Section 2 – His Inheritance in the Saints

Section 3 – The Gifts of Function

Section 4 – The Gifts of the Spirit

Section 5 – The Five Fold Ministry

Section 6 – Our Gifts are Measured

Section 7 – How the Body Grows

Lesson 6 – Growth Through Body Ministry, by Dick Benjamin

Section 1 – An Introduction to Body Ministry

Section 2 – The Fact of the Body of Christ

Section 3 – How to Become a Part of the Body of Christ

Section 4 – Christ is the Exalted Head of the Body

Section 5 – Works of Service or Ministry
Section 6 – Each Believer is a Part of the Body
Section 7 – God Wants Growth in the Body

Lesson 7 – The Five-Fold Ministry, by Dick Iverson

Section 1 – God Loves His Church
Section 2 – Christ’s Provision to the Church
Section 3 – Christ Provided Leadership
Section 4 – He Gave the Five-Fold Ministry
Section 5 – Five Separate Ministries
Section 6 – Apostolic Age Only?
Section 7 – Total Ministry

Lesson 8 – Team Ministry, by Dick Iverson

Section 1 – The Need for Team Ministry
Section 2 – The Keys for Successful Team Ministry
Section 3 – Proven Success and Excitement is not a Fad

Lesson 9 – The Right Motives that Motivate Positively, by Terry Edwards

Section 1 – Motives and Motivation
Section 2 – Three Leavening Agents
Section 3 – Leading by Serving
Section 4 – Motivating Others
Section 5 – The Don’ts of Motivating Others
Section 6 – Co-laborers with God

MID TERM EXAM

Lesson 10 – The Church as a Training Center, by Terry Edwards

Section 1 – Being Trained and Prepared
Section 2 – Equipping the Saints
Section 3 – The Consequences of Neglect
Section 4 – The Importance of Training
Section 5 – Three Levels of Training
Section 6 – The Church Training Center
Section 7 – How to Begin Training
Section 8 – Training Well

Lesson 11 – The Selecting and Building of Leadership, by Terry Edwards

- Section 1 – The Selection of Leadership
- Section 2 – What is Leadership?
- Section 3 – Varieties of Leadership
- Section 4 – The Importance of Good Leadership
- Section 5 – Can We Train Leadership?
- Section 6 – The Personal Traits in Prospective Leadership
- Section 7 – The Personality of a Prospective Leader
- Section 8 – The Stages of Training Leadership
- Section 9 – Team-Based Ministry
- Section 10 – Godly Leadership Styles

Lesson 12 – The Pastor’s Priorities, by Larry Tomczak

- Section 1 – Pastoral Self-Discipline
- Section 2 – End-Time Challenges and Danger Signals
- Section 3 – Watch Out for the Heroes Syndrome
- Section 4 – Staying Healthy as a Servant Leader

Lesson 13 – Spiritual Authority in Operation, by Dick Iverson

- Section 1 – Authority is God-Given
- Section 2 – A Biblical Precedent
- Section 3 – The Meaning of Authority
- Section 4 – Misuse and Abuse of Authority
- Section 5 – Challenges to Authority
- Section 6 – Guidelines for Spiritual Authority

Lesson 14 – The Purpose of Church Discipline, by Dick Benjamin

- Section 1 – Judgment Begins in the House of the Lord
- Section 2 – The Old Testament and Discipline
- Section 3 – Christ and Discipline
- Section 4 – The Early Church and Discipline
- Section 5 – The Apostle Paul and Discipline
- Section 6 – God’s Reason for Church Discipline
- Section 7 – Why Should the Church Discipline?

Lesson 15 – Releasing Spiritual Dynamics, by Terry Edwards

- Section 1 – The Spiritual Dynamic of God
- Section 2 – The Pattern Church
- Section 3 – God is on the Move

Section 4 – Special Problems of the Small Group

Lesson 16 – Handling the Disappointments, by Jim Durkin

Section 1 – Being Certain of God's Calling

Section 2 – Form a Well-Chosen Team

Section 3 – Be Prepared for Disappointments

Section 4 – The Power of Prayer

Section 5 – Understanding Covenant Relationships

Lesson 17 – Maintaining Vision Through Church Seasons, by Jim Durkin

Section 1 – The Importance of Unity

Section 2 – Periods of Growth

Section 3 – Times of Consolidation

COURSE OUTLINES or ESSAY ASSIGNMENT DUE: The instructions for essay/assignment submission are as follows: Coursework may be electronically uploaded into the Online Student Portal (if taking the course as an Online Student); submitted to the overseeing Instructor (if taking the course as part of a Distance Learning (DLC) Center); or electronically emailed to Assignment@chesapeakebiblecollege.com.

FINAL EXAM DUE

APPENDIX LISTING –

Appendix 1 - Extra Study by Chapter Reflection Questions

1. Explain, in your own words, the meaning of "survival vision" and how it differs from God's vision, both for the Church and for the individual Christian.
2. From the list of twelve "foundation stones," choose any three of those foundation stones and, in your own words, describe what they mean to you.
3. How would you handle a person who comes to you declaring that he believes he deserves a position on the staff of your church. (This exercise assumes you are the pastor.)
4. Regarding Relationships and the Church – describe how or whether you see the concept of covenant operating within your church and/or ministry.
5. Terry Edwards talks about "equipping the saints" from Ephesians 4:12. In your

own words, explain why this is necessary.

6. Dick Benjamin talks about "body ministry". In your own words, tell what that term means to you, and tell whether it is encouraged in your church or ministry.

7. Dick Iverson talks about the five-fold ministry. In your own words, describe why you agree or disagree with his belief that the five-fold ministry should operate in the Church today.

8. In Lesson 8, Dick Iverson talks about team ministry. From what you have read, describe whether this concept is operational in your church or ministry.

9. From Lesson 9, describe which one of the three leavening agents you have or someone you know encountered.

10. Lesson 10 talks about the church acting as a training center. Do you believe there is still a place for Bible colleges and seminaries? If so, why? If not, why not?

11. Lesson 11 talks about the selection and building of leaders within the local church. From what you have read in this lesson, do you believe your church is doing an adequate job of selecting and training leaders for the future? Why or why not?

12. In Lesson 12, review the list that indicates that a person is living life at too fast a pace. Evaluate yourself against this list and describe your overall sense of your situation.

13. Using the information found in Lesson 13, write a short response to the statement, "To be in authority, a person must first be under authority."

14. In Lesson 14, the information describes God's reasoning for the need for Church discipline. Describe an encounter you or someone you know may have seen as it relates to church discipline.

15. Lesson 15 talks about spiritual dynamics. Give a short description, from your own experience, of a church service or gathering in which the Holy Spirit moved dynamically.

16. Describe how you handled both your best and worst disappointment as it relates to life, church or ministry.

17. As pastor, leader or marketplace minister, reflect upon which current season or cycle of ministry you are currently in. Describe your vision for growth.

Appendix 2 – Student Spiritual Gift Test

SUPPLEMENTAL STUDY TEXT: There is no textbook required for this course. Scripture passages note their selected Bible translation used.

For Independent Correspondent Students (ICS) or Distance Learning Center (DLC) students who are not utilizing the Online Student Portal for coursework materials and/or Quizzes. In lieu of the online Lesson engagement, the student must submit a one-page reflection response to each of the 17 Lesson reflection questions as outlined as part of Appendix 1 (Extra Study by Chapter Reflection Questions). This will constitute one-half (50%) of your grade for the course. Outlines submitted must have course title page and may be submitted as outlined in the B-201 Degree Requirement description above.

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