

Calvary Chapel of Anne Arundel County

“School of Discipleship and Ministry”

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

What is the Purpose of the “School of Discipleship and Ministry”? - The purpose of the “School of Discipleship and Ministry” is to give the Disciple of Christ an in-depth immersion into the Word of God and ministry, in a structured setting with a personal Mentor to help them along the way.

How Long Will the Whole Course take to Complete? – The “School of Discipleship and Ministry” is designed to be done at a self-pace in the comfort of one’s own home. Depending on the student, the entire program can be completed in as little as 1 year, and probably no longer than 2 years. The course/program is designed to give the Disciple of Christ a solid foundation in the Word of God and the principles of ministry in a short time, but not so short that the student will not be thoroughly equipped.

Upon Completion – Upon completion of this training the Disciple of Christ will:

- Have studied through all 66 Books of the Bible verse-by-verse.
- Be trained on how to study the Bible for themselves.
- Be trained on how to use Software Tools to aid them in the study of the Bible.
- Be trained on how to do personal evangelism.
- Have read 12 of the All-time Classic Christian Books.
- Receive a “Graduation Certificate” from the school.

What is the Cost? – The “School of Discipleship and Ministry” has been designed so that all who want to go deeper as Disciples of Christ can do so without finances stopping them. A “Lending Library” exists for the student to borrow all the resources needed to complete the course/program. Mostly, all the student needs at home is a personal computer.

Is there a Catch? – The “School of Discipleship and Ministry” is designed to help a person fulfill the calling of “*making disciples*”; therefore after the student completes their course work under the supervision and aid of a mentor, the student will then be asked to be a mentor to one of the new incoming students.

(Matthew 28:18-20) And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

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When can I start? – The student can start immediately. Guys, see Pastor Ray. Gals see Renee.

Course Description for the “School of Discipleship and Ministry”

Through the whole Bible with Pastor Chuck Smith (Audio or Text Format):

- The student will go through the whole Bible verse-by-verse with Pastor Chuck Smith (C2000 series) starting in Genesis and ending in Revelation. The teaching will cover 323 Bible Studies, covering over 300 hours of Biblical Instructions.
 - (https://www.blueletterbible.org/audio_video/smith_chuck)
- Or/And – an *electronic text* version of those same audio messages (C2000 series).
 - https://www.blueletterbible.org/commentaries/smith_chuck/
- For course credit the student will be required to complete (per study) a minimum of 1 page of notes on an 8.5 by 11 piece of paper. And, answer the fill-in the blank questions (about 7) that are given before each study. The notes and questions will be reviewed with the mentor.
 - The Questions are on the church website.
 - <http://www.ccaac.org/school-of-discipleship/>

The Inductive Bible Study Method (DVD Format):

The student will learn the Inductive Bible Study Method (IBSM) which teaches the student on how to study the Bible for themselves.

- The training is designed to operate in a workshop format. In other words, this is not a "lecture style" training, but a hands-on training in studying the Scriptures. The purpose is to develop a fresh approach to the Bible, and yet, a very accurate study of the Scriptures through the Inductive Bible Study Method. Lessons from different book types; narratives, poetry, epistles, prophesy, and Jesus' parables make each participant comfortable throughout the entire Bible.
- The mentor will help assure that the student fully grasps and understand the (IBSM).

Classic Devotion Books that have Impacted Millions:

The student will read some of the greatest Books written apart from the Bible. These books have changed the lives of millions of Disciples of Christ. The books are:

- The Believer’s Absolute Surrender – by Andrew Murray
- The Jesus Style – by Gayle Erwin
- The Pursuit of God – by A.W. Tozer
- The Pilgrims Progress – by John Bunyan
- The Hiding Place – by Corrie Ten Boom
- Hinds Feet on High Places – by Hannah Hurnard
- The Power of Prayer – by R.A. Torrey
- George Mueller (Man of Faith and Miracles) – by Basil Miller
- My Utmost for His Highest – by Oswald Chambers
- Living Water (The Power of the Holy Spirit in Your Life) – by Chuck Smith
- Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire – by Jim Cymbala
- Transforming prayer – by Daniel Henderson

**A lending library is available, but it is highly recommended that you purchase your own copy as they are timeless, and are wonderful to go back and re-read again-and-again.*

Using the Blue Letter Bible:

The student will be trained on how to use the Blue Letter Bible to help aid in the study of the Scriptures.

- The Bible Software is completely free and can be accessed on the internet (www.blueletterbible.org)

Evangelism Training (DVD or CD Format):

- The student will go through the 8-session training course on evangelism presented by Ray Comfort called the “Way of the Master”.

The Mentoring Role for the “School of Discipleship and Ministry”

Mentoring:

Upon completion of the course work above, the student will then take on the role of the mentor and help a new student through their course work.

- Opportunities to mentor will be available at the church.
- Graduation Certificates will only be given to those who serve as mentors.
- The mentor will meet with the student at a minimum of 2 times per month (for approximately 1 hour).
- The mentor amongst other things will:
 - Help the student determine the correct pace for the course based on their work schedule, family life, etc, and establish a time frame (6 months, 12 months, 18 months, etc) to finish the study portion of the course/program
 - Keep the student on pace and focus for the course/program.
 - Check the notes on the Pastor Chuck Tapes.
 - Answer questions the student has.
 - Assure a thorough understanding of the IBSM
 - Pray daily for their student.
 - Encourage and aid the student’s personal prayer and devotional life.
 - Serve as an accountability partner to the student.
 - (On occasion) the mentor will take the student with them as they go do their personal ministry.

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Course Outline for the “School of Discipleship and Ministry”

The courses are structured into blocks, and the student should complete each block before moving on to the next block.

Block 1

- Pastor Chuck (Genesis - Esther)
- Devotional Book:
 - Students Choice of any 3
 - (Daily reading) My Utmost for His Highest – by Oswald Chambers

Block 2

- Pastor Chuck (Job - Amos)
- Devotional Book:
 - Students Choice of any 3
 - (Daily reading) My Utmost for His Highest – by Oswald Chambers
- Begin the Inductive Bible Study Method (complete by end of Block 3)

Block 3

- Pastor Chuck (Obadiah - Acts)
- Devotional Book:
 - Students Choice of any 3
 - (Daily reading) My Utmost for His Highest – by Oswald Chambers
- Continue the Inductive Bible Study Method (complete by end of Block 3)
- The Blue Letter Bible DVD class (approximately 1 Hour)

Block 4

- Pastor Chuck (Romans - Revelation)
- Devotional Book:
 - Students Choice of any 2
 - (Daily reading) My Utmost for His Highest – by Oswald Chambers
- The Way of the Master Evangelism Course