

## **Christian Studies Courses – 2008/2009**

### **The Gospel of Luke – Major Course**

How would you like to survey what is often referred to as "The most beautiful book ever written?" The Gospel of Luke is a Bible-study focused entirely on this "Gospel for the gentiles."

### **The Gospel of Mark – Major Course**

Follow Jesus on his journey through the land of Israel during this Bible study covering Mark's gospel. There's a little bit of everything here, as Jesus heals people, casts out a few demons, and shares some great life lessons.

### **Christian Ethics – Major Course**

Are you interested in public issues as they relate to our Christian faith? Would you like the chance to research and debate topics such as capital punishment, poverty, and First Amendment freedoms? This course will give you the opportunity to stretch your thinking as you consider these and other issues with your classmates, at the same time giving you a chance to learn about different ethical theories and systems.

### **Conflict Resolution – Major Course**

Students will study how to solve conflict in their personal and communal lives while demonstrating Christian principles.

### **In the World, But Not of the World – Major Course**

Is it hopeful being a Christian in the world today? How can I effectively stand for truth? What does it mean to have a Christian worldview? Students in this course will be exposed to Christian apologetics, defenses of the faith, and encouraged to "put on the full armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10-18) in navigating in a world that can be hostile to Christian beliefs.

### **Just Living in a Global Society – Major Course**

In today's world it is easy to get overwhelmed by issues like global poverty and starvation, the AIDS epidemic, the environment, human trafficking, war, etc. But as Christians, we believe in a gospel of hope and a "kingdom of God" that is "within us" (Luke 17:21). The purpose of this course is to look at the issues that seem to be crippling our society and to explore appropriate, concrete, kingdom-building responses to these issues.

### **Wisdom Literature – Minor Course**

We typically think that "newer is better," but when it comes to the Bible, the old advice is often the best. This course will survey material from the books of Psalms, Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes, giving us a better understanding of ancient wisdom in the Hebrew and Christian tradition.

### **Telling the Story – Minor Course**

Are you an aspiring preacher? You might not have considered it before, but this course will give you the chance to learn the process of working through a biblical text and preparing a message.

Extra attention will be given to the use of music, art, literature, history, and technology as they relate to the chosen scripture and strengthen our connection with the text.

#### Servant Leadership – Minor Course

Students will discuss and explore Christian service and Biblical leadership through study of scripture, reading, discussion, guest speakers, and hands-on opportunities. Using Jesus Christ's servant leadership as a model to equip students, this course will explore our society's need for ethical and spiritual leadership.

#### The Passion of Christ – Minor Course

Engage in a Lenten study and reflection on the Passion of our Lord.

#### Living a Contemplative Life – Minor Course

In a world as busy as this, when do I have time to pray???? Living a Contemplative Life is a course that will introduce to age-old methods and strategies that encourage us to take time for our Lord in prayer.

#### Traveling Light – Minor Course

With the 23rd Psalm as our guide and some wonderful reflective reading from Christian author Max Lucado, Mr. Ness and Mr. Noel will lead you through a class that encourages discussion and contemplation about how we lighten our "excess spiritual baggage."

#### Who Are You Now? – Minor Course

"Who Are You Now?" is an interactive, multimedia look at the dynamics of change that occur throughout our lives. This dynamic of change also impacts our faith and spirituality.

#### Romans: The Basics of the Christian Faith – Minor Course

In Romans we do not have a letter responding to church issues; rather we have a letter that is a teaching tool for what we believe as a Christian Church. In Romans we have a summary of the Apostle Paul's teachings in his missionary trips. The key word is faith. We are accepted by God "by grace, through a faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior." We will look at a number of doctrinal truths but faith in Jesus will remain the cornerstone.

#### Christianity, the Media and Culture – Minor Course

How do we filter the word of God through the many images, messages and pressures that bombard us daily in this fast-paced, media-driven world?

#### Acts 29 – Minor Course

Did you ever wonder how the very same disciples that abandoned Jesus at the cross became such amazing evangelists and apostles of Christ after his resurrection? What does their story mean for you and for how you will respond to His call to take up the cross in your life? Come and learn more about the "Acts of the Apostles," told in 28 amazing chapters, and be prepared to let the Holy Spirit work in you as you begin to write your own story, your own version of Acts Chapter 29 ("But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" Acts 1:8).