School of Discipleship

Course Description

Calvary Chapel San Juan Capistrano

***Mat 28:18-20 NKJV - [18] And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. [19] "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, [20] "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.***

**Vision of the School of discipleship**

Equip \* Edify \* Establish \* Send

**Purpose of the School of Discipleship**

We often call the words of Jesus to his disciples in Matthew 28 as the great commission. It is in reality the great commandment. We are not called to make converts, we are not called to add numbers to our church, we are commanded to make disciples. Our calling as a church is to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the edifying of the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-12). Our heart is to encourage you to live this life for the glory of God in whatever God has called you to.

We desire to see you built up and then equipped to go out to where ever God may call you to go and do whatever God has called you to do. Our purpose is to train men and women to follow their God given calling and to always be ready to give an answer for the hope that lies within them. We want to equip you to live real life in Christ!

Discipleship is so much more than just learning the mechanics of serving in a formal position in the church. We are focused on discipling for life. We desire to see you living your whole life totally submitted to the Lord and bearing fruit for Him. We are in a spiritual war in this life and we must be equipped not just to survive but to be victorious in Christ.

**Method**

Our heart is to both teach and emulate the discipleship of Jesus Christ. Jesus taught his disciples in word and in deed and we desire to provide you with opportunities to learn about servanthood as well as to provide you with opportunities to put into practice what you have learned. Our curriculum contains both biblical teaching with practical outreach both locally and abroad.

This is a one year course which will culminate with a mission trip to another culture. We want to integrate all that you are learning with real life experience.

There will be three areas of emphasis to help students wishing to use the school of discipleship to pursue specific ministry goals.

Pastoral Ministry

Missions

Christian Service

Our belief is that the pastoral ministry is biblically only for men, therefore only men will be admitted to this track. All other tracks are co-ed.

**Faculty**

Our faculty will consist of the pastoral staff here at Calvary Chapel San Juan Capistrano as well as others whose qualifications, calling and or experience would be a direct benefit to our students. This would include pastors from other Calvary Chapels, visiting missionaries, or other believers whose testimonies would be a benefit to our students.

**Admission**

**Requirements**

The applicant is expected to be a born again believer in Jesus Christ with a heartfelt desire and commitment to seek Christ and His kingdom above all else.

**Procedure**

The applicant must complete an application and the required reference forms. The applications will be reviewed and those considered to be the suitable for the program will be contacted for an interview with a pastor.

**Deadline**

The deadline to apply is July 31st, 2013

**Time and Location of Classes**

Classes are held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday of every week. Each quarter will be 10 weeks with the exception of Summer which is 6 weeks. The course consists of four quarters with a mission trip at the end of the year and/or midyear depending on when summer hits during the schedule. Consistent attendance will be a requirement for successful completion of the course. While some approved absences are allowed, the student will be required to make up any missed course work on their own.

**Tuition and Fees**

To foster commitment, help with expenses for visiting faculty and provide for scholarships we will be charging tuition for the School of Discipleship. There are scholarships available to eligible students on an as needed and pre-approved basis.

**Application Fee**

A non-refundable application fee of $25.00 must be submitted with the completed application.

**Course Tuition**

The tuition will be $1000.00 for the entire course and **does not include the required missions trips**. One quarter of the tuition or $250.00 is due upon acceptance, three additional payments of $250.00 will be due before the start of each succeeding quarter. Students wishing to audit may pay $25.00 per class. For a full or partial scholarship please fill out the scholarship application which will be reviewed by the board. You will be notified before the school begins if you are eligible. Payment plans will also be available.

**Additional Expense**

Textbooks will cost about $100.00 to $150.00 per quarter.

**Refund policy**

A 100% tuition refund for each quarter (less the $25.00 application fee) will be granted if the student withdraws before the first day of class. A 50% refund will be granted if the student withdraws during the first week of School. Refunds are contingent upon proper notification by the student. Students must notify the school in writing or in person. No refunds will be granted after the first week of school.

**Certificate of Completion**

Upon graduation from the school the student will be issued a certificate of completion in Christian Ministry. This program is not accredited and cannot be used for other college credit. Our desire is to have students who are here to seek the Lord with their whole hearts rather than worldly recognition.