

## RENEW Course Descriptions: Fall 2023

### MIN401 Dynamics of Discipleship (3 Credits)

The core of ministry leadership is shepherding individuals toward God, helping them grow in their faith, and mobilizing them as productive parts of the body of Christ. This course is designed to introduce students to concepts of spiritual development, a biblical understanding of what it takes to be a shepherd, and approaches for fostering people of various age groups through each stage of growth.

#### Bibliography Sample

- *DiscipleShift: Five Steps That Help Your Church to Make Disciples Who Make Disciples*, Jim Putman, ISBN: 978-0310492627
- *Conformed to His Image: Biblical and Practical Approaches to Spiritual Formation*, Kenneth Boa, ISBN: 978-0310238485
- *GROW System: Level 1*, Pilgrimage, ISBN: 978-0615976129
- *GROW System: Level 2*, Pilgrimage, ISBN: 978-0989458313
- *The Christian Life Profile Assessment Tool Workbook: Discovering the Quality of Your Relationships with God and Others in 30 Key Areas*, Randy Frazee, ISBN: 978-0310251613

### FIN131 Personal Finance (3 Credits)

Students will develop an understanding of personal finance concepts from a biblical worldview. Topics will include saving, personal budgeting, debt, purchasing decisions, insurance, investments, retirement and college planning, career choices, real estate and mortgages and generosity. Students will apply these concepts to their current and future personal financial situations as a foundation for effective lifelong stewardship.

#### Bibliography Sample

- *Complete Guide To Money*, Dave Ramsey, ISBN: 978-1937077204
- *The Financial Peace Planner: A Step-by-Step Guide to Restoring Your Family's Financial Health*, Dave Ramsey, ISBN: 978-0140264685
- *How To Manage Your Money: An In-Depth Bible Study on Personal Finances*, Larry Burkett, ISBN: 978-0802414779
- *Managing God's Money: A Biblical Guide*, Randy Alcorn, ISBN: 978-1414345536
- *Complete Financial Guide For Young Couples*, Larry Burkett, ISBN: 978-1564761309

### **LDR301 Foundations of Leadership (3 Credits)**

This course is designed to disciple students in the role, qualifications, and skills of leadership. It is designed to introduce the student to the basic principles of leadership as they relate one-on-one, in small group environments, as well as in leading leaders within an organization. Attention will be given to learning to differentiate between various leadership styles, to identify exemplary role models from various contexts, to evaluate personal leadership tendencies and traits, and to help students begin to work on their own leadership skills.

#### **Bibliography Sample**

- *Spiritual Leadership: Moving People on to God's Agenda, Revised and Expanded*, Henry T. Blackaby, ISBN: 978-1433669187
- *Next Generation Leader: 5 Essentials for Those Who Will Shape the Future*, Andy Stanley, ISBN: 978-1590525395
- *Courageous Leadership: Field-Tested Strategy for the 360° Leader*, Bill Hybels, ISBN: 978-0310495956
- *Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence For Every Believer*, J. Oswald Sanders, ISBN: 978-0802482273
- *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership: Follow Them and People Will Follow You*, John Maxwell, ISBN: 978-0785288374

### **THE230 Christian Apologetics (3 Credits)**

This course is a survey and evaluation of various evangelical approaches to apologetics and an examination of various worldviews, with an emphasis on the development of a Christian worldview. The course will equip the believer in the use of scripture and theistic proofs to defend the Christian faith by identifying and responding to attacks from secularists, pragmatists, skeptics, and those in other religions. Most importantly, this course will bolster the faith of Christians by commending the reality, relevance, reliability, credibility, excitement, and wonder of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### **Bibliography Sample**

- *Five Views on Apologetics*, Steve B. Cowan, ISBN: 978-0310224761
- *Apologetics: A Justification of Christian Belief*, John M. Frame, ISBN: 978-1596389380
- *Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth and Apologetics*, William Lane Craig, ISBN: 978-1433501159
- *Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview*, J.P. Moreland, ISBN: 978-0830826940

- *Faith and Reason: Three Views*, Alan G. Padgett, ISBN: 978-0830840403

## RENEW Course Descriptions: Spring 2024

### BIB112 New Testament Survey (3 Credits)

This course is a chronological survey of New Testament people, places, and events. It highlights the basic message of the New Testament books, their contribution to God's redemptive storyline, and their significance for Christian thought and practice, based on the life and teaching of Christ, the apostles, and the early development of the churches.

#### Bibliography Sample

- *The New Testament in Antiquity: A Survey of the New Testament within Its Cultural Context*, Merrell C. Tenney, ISBN: 978-0802836113
- *The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story*, Craig G. Bartholomew, ISBN: 978-0801049569
- *New Testament Survey*, Merrill C. Tenney, ISBN: 978-0802836113
- *A Popular Survey of the New Testament*, Norman L. Geisler, ISBN: 978-0801016615
- *The Essence of the New Testament: A Survey*, Elmer L. Towns and Ben Gutiérrez, ISBN: 978-1433677052

### MIN404 Developing Dynamic Teams (3 Credits)

Organizations are increasingly realizing the need for a team orientation, yet, despite the rhetoric, there remain significant cultural impediments to team development and maintenance. This course leads students in an application of group and team theory for recruiting, developing, mobilizing, and mending teams of employees and volunteers for maximum effectiveness.

#### Bibliography Sample

- *Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't*, Simon Sinek, ISBN: 978-1591848011
- *Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement for a Complex World*, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, ISBN: 978-1591847489
- *The Coaching Habit: Say Less, Ask More & Change the Way You Lead Forever*, Michael B. Stanier, ISBN: 978-0978440749
- *Sticky Teams: Keeping Your Leadership Team and Staff on the Same Page*, Larry Osborne, ISBN: 978-0310324645

- *Leading the Team-Based Church: How Pastors and Church Staffs Can Grow Together into a Powerful Fellowship of Leaders*, George Cladis, ISBN: 978-0787941192

### **PHI130 Introduction to Ethics (3 Credits)**

This course is designed as an introduction to ethical thought and its application to contemporary decision-making. Examination of issues such as those involved in reproduction, abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, genetic engineering, biomedical research, divorce, homosexuality, LGBT, capital punishment, civil disobedience, war, social justice, and the environment may be explored. The desired outcome is for students to demonstrate critical thinking about such issues and to develop skills to articulate positions about moral and social problems from their own personal worldviews.

#### **Bibliography Sample**

- *Ethics*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, ISBN: 978-0684815015
- *Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues and Options*, Normal L. Geisler, ISBN: 978-0801038792
- *Ministerial Ethics: Moral Formation for Church Leaders*, Joe E. Trull, ISBN: 978-0801027550
- *Christian Ethics: A Case Method Approach 4th Edition*, Laura A. Stivers, ISBN: 978-1570759666
- *Introducing Christian Ethics: A Short Guide to Making Moral Choices*, Scott Rae, ISBN: 978-0310521181

### **MAT121 Problem-Solving Strategies (3 Credits)**

This course is an introduction to classic and nontraditional problem-solving strategies. Students will learn how to successfully gather information, arrange it, implement one or more strategies to best solve a problem, and then communicate the solution in both written and oral form. Above all, this class will teach how to think creatively and critically and how to solve problems collaboratively.

#### **Bibliography Sample**

- *Problem-Solving Strategies in Mathematics*, Alfred Posamentier, ISBN: 978-9814651639
- *The Art of Mathematical Problem Solving*, Richard Beekman, ISBN: 978-1329428904
- *The Stanford Mathematics Problem Book*, G. Polya, ISBN: 978-0486469249

- *How to Solve It: A New Aspect of Mathematical Method*, G. Polya, ISBN: 978-0691164076