



RENEW Course Descriptions 2025-26

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.

* Text: Real-Life Discipleship Training Manual: Equipping Disciples that Make Disciples, by Jim Putman

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.

* Text: Is God Just a Human Invention? And Seventeen Other Questions Raised by the New Atheists, by Sean McDowell and Jonathan Morrow



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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.

* Text: A Popular Survey of the New Testament, by Norman L. Geisler

FIN131

Personal Finance

3 credits

Students will develop and understanding of personal finance concepts from a biblical worldview. Topics will include saving, personal budgeting, debt, purchasing decisions, insurance, investments, college and retirement 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.

* Text: How to Manage Your Money: An In-Depth Bible Study on Personal Finance, by Larry Burkett

* Text: Managing God's Money: A Biblical Guide, by Randy Alcorn