

Living the Jesus-Life

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Tuition: \$160 (1/2 paid at registration, 1/2 paid first day of classes in August)

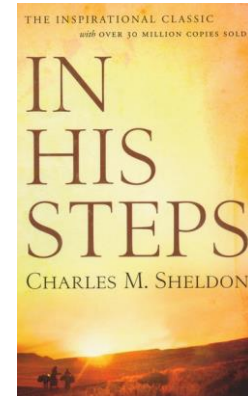
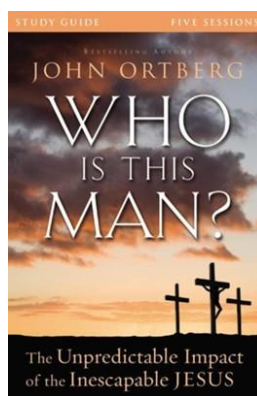
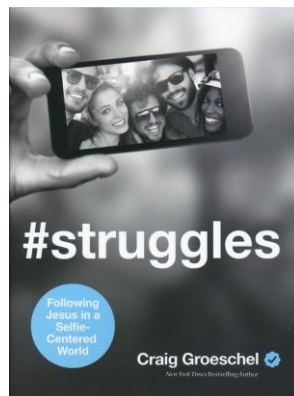
Credit: 1/2 each semester. 1 for entire year

Course Description and Objectives:

Jesus asked His disciples to follow Him. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus and follow Him? What is the mission of the church? How can believers help others to become genuine disciples of Christ? Are we making mature disciples of Jesus who are not only able to withstand the culture but are also making disciples of Jesus themselves? We will answer these questions and discover that being a disciple of Jesus is much more than a belief system, it is a lifestyle. To be a Christian is more than just sitting in a pew. Each of us are in the process of spiritual growth and no one ever fully arrives at perfection, yet we want to grow in our spiritual maturity as Jesus did: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52). By looking at the life of Jesus and His followers, the student will be challenged to grow in his/her faith as they live out the greatest commands to love God and others. We will not only look at stories from the Gospels, but also the book of Acts and notice how barriers to the proclamation of the Word of God were overcome through the power of the Holy Spirit. This class is designed for any high school student regardless of age.

Texts:

1. *not a fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus*, Kyle Idleman, Zondervan, 2011. ISBN 978-0-310-33193-3.
2. *#struggles: Following Jesus in a Selfie-Centered World*, Craig Groeschel. Zondervan, 2015. ISBN 978-0-310-34886-3.
3. *Who Is This Man*, John Ortberg. Zondervan, 2012. ISBN 976-0-310-34049-2.
4. *In His Steps*, Charles M. Sheldon. Spire, 1984. ISBN 0-8007-8608-4.



Course Requirements:

1. Students will read four books and do book reviews of each. The due dates are listed in the class schedule. Each review will be worth 20% of your grade.
2. Write a five-page research paper on the topic of "Discipleship". Worth 20% of your grade.