



Wednesday Class Syllabus

Fall 2020

Goal: TNT is a one-year leadership development initiative that equips and encourages leaders for life, ministry, disciple making and kingdom advance.

OVERVIEW OF YEAR-LONG COURSE:

- **Fall Term (Aug-Dec):** Biblical Studies, emphasizing the Gospels & Basic Christian Theology
- **Winter Term (Self-Study, Dec-Feb):** Ministry in the 21st Century: Church & Culture
- **Spring Term (Mar-May):** Spiritual Leadership & Ministry Plan

FALL 1ST TERM (WEEKS 1-9): BIBLICAL STUDIES AND THE LIFE OF CHRIST

- Outcomes**
 - Proficient understanding of the Gospels and the life of Christ.
 - A comprehensive understanding of the life, mission, and message of Christ.
- Assignments**
 - Read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
 - Read assigned pages from *The Lion and the Lamb*
- Homework: See Syllabus Below (also, potential assignments from instructors)**
 - Reading assignments and prepare homework questions assigned by instructors
- Exam on Jesus and the Gospels**

FALL 2ND TERM (WEEKS 10 – 18): BASIC CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

- Outcomes**
 - A proficient understanding of some vital beliefs of the Christian faith with an emphasis on thinking biblically and critically.
 - An ability to articulate the core beliefs of a student's faith.
- Assignments**
 - Read assigned pages from *Theology Questions Everyone Asks* edited by Gary Burger and David Lauber
- Homework: See Syllabus Below (also, potential assignments from instructors)**
 - Reading assignments and prepare homework questions assigned by instructors
- Final Paper (2-5 pages): What do you believe? Statement of Faith**

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AUGUST 12: INTRODUCTION TO TNT

- Introduction to TNT
- Introduction of Class Members
- ***If you have not taken the PLACE class, register online for one of the future classes. Best if completed before March.***
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT: Read *Lion and the Lamb*, Chapter 1** and be prepared to discuss in class

AUGUST 19: THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF SCRIPTURE

- **READING DUE: *Lion and the Lamb*, Chapter 1**
- Overview of the Bible: Formation of the Canon, Transmission of the Texts, Bible Translations, and Inspiration of the Bible
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT: Read *Lion and the Lamb*, Chapter 2** and be prepared to discuss in class

AUGUST 26: BACKGROUND TO JESUS & THE GOSPELS

- **READING DUE: *Lion and the Lamb*, Chapter 2**
- Biblical, Historical, Religious, Political, and Cultural Background
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT: Read *Lion and the Lamb*, Chapter 3** and be prepared to discuss in class

SEPTEMBER 2: INTRO TO JESUS AND THE GOSPELS

- **READING DUE: *Lion and Lamb*, Chapter 3**
- Historical References to Jesus and the Christian Movement
- General understanding of history and chronology of Jesus' life
- The relationships between the Gospels
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT: Read the Gospel of Mark in one sitting** and be prepared to discuss in class

SEPTEMBER 9: GOSPEL OF MARK

- **READING DUE: Gospel of Mark**
- **Supplemental Reading: *Lion and Lamb*, Chapter 5**
- Debrief about Reading Assignment
- Introduction to Mark
- Unique characteristics and contributions of Mark
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT: Read the Gospel of Matthew in one sitting** and be prepared to discuss in class

SEPTEMBER 16: GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

- **READING DUE: Gospel of Matthew**
- **Supplemental Reading: *Lion and Lamb*, Chapter 4**
- Debrief about Reading Assignment
- Introduction to Matthew
- Unique characteristics and contributions of Matthew
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT: Read the Gospel of Luke in one sitting** and be prepared to discuss in class

SEPTEMBER 23: GOSPEL OF LUKE

- **READING DUE: Gospel of Luke**
- **Supplemental Reading: *Lion and Lamb*, Chapter 6**
- Debrief about Reading Assignment
- Introduction to Gospel of Luke
- Unique characteristics and contributions of Luke
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT: Read the Gospel of John in one sitting** and be prepared to discuss in class

SEPTEMBER 30: GOSPEL OF JOHN

- **READING DUE: Gospel of John**
- **Supplemental Reading: *Lion and Lamb*, Chapter 7**
- Debrief about Reading Assignment
- Introduction to Gospel of John
- Unique characteristics and contributions of John

OCTOBER 7: EXAM ESSAY DUE

- **ASSIGNMENT DUE: Exam on Jesus and the Gospels – 1 hr. timed essay**
 1. How does each Gospel writer make a unique contribution to our understanding of Jesus?
 2. What am I learning about Jesus during this term and how is it impacting me?
- There is NO CLASS today.
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT: Read *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 3** and be prepared to discuss in class

OCTOBER 14: THE TRINITY | GOD, THE FATHER

- **READING DUE: *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 3**
- Who is God?
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT: Read *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 6** and be prepared to discuss in class

OCTOBER 21: GOD, THE SON

- **READING DUE:** *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 6
- Who is Jesus and why does it matter?
- What has Jesus done for us?
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT:** Read *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 8 and be prepared to discuss in class

OCTOBER 28: GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **READING DUE:** *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 8 and be prepared to discuss in class
- Who is the Holy Spirit and what is His purpose?
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT:** Read *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapters 4 & 9 and be prepared to discuss in class

NOVEMBER 4: CREATION AND HUMANITY

- **READING DUE:** *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 4 and Chapter 9
- Who am I? What does it mean to be human?
- What can I know about the world God created?
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT:** Read *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 2 and be prepared to discuss in class

NOVEMBER 11: THE BIBLE

- **READING DUE:** *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 2
- How has God revealed Himself and His plans?
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT:** Read *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 7 and be prepared to discuss in class

NOVEMBER 18: SALVATION AND MISSIONS

- **READING DUE:** *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 7
- Can I have peace with God?
- What is the message we take to the world?
- Why and how do we take this message to the world?
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT:** Read *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 10 and be prepared to discuss in class in two weeks

NOVEMBER 25: THANKSGIVING BREAK

📅 NO CLASS — Thanksgiving


DECEMBER 2: THE CHURCH

- **READING DUE:** *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 10
- How should I relate to those in the faith community?
- **NEXT ASSIGNMENT:** Read *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 12 and be prepared to discuss in class

DECEMBER 9: THE FUTURE AND ETERNITY

- **READING DUE:** *Theology Questions Everyone Asks*, Chapter 12 and be prepared to discuss in class
- What about the future? What hope do I have?
- **ASSIGNMENT:** *Prepare your Final Paper: What I Believe*

DECEMBER 16: FINAL PAPER DUE

-  Paper due: "What I Believe"