**Horizon School of Ministry**

**The Overall Vision is . . .**

***“. . . equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry. . .” (Eph 4:12)***

**INTRO:** Each of these courses will run approximately 5-7 weeks. All classes can be completed within a year. There will be homework and reading to do every week. This is set up so any person with a family, with a full-time job or with time to kill can grow and be equipped to serve in the body of Christ.

**VISION:** The vision of the school is to take one more opportunity to draw closer in an abiding relationship with Jesus resulting in much, lasting fruit in our lives. One of our greatest desires here at Horizon is to **disciple believers in Jesus.** Many people say they would like to serve as leaders, but lack the equipment to do it. Our goal is to equip you as best we can for ministry in your home, church, city, country and into the entire world. God is not looking for great people; He’s looking for *available* people. Are you available?

*The overall purpose of these classes is to equip, encourage and enable you to transform from chair-sitter to active participant in the great commission, by the power of His Holy Spirit.*

**COST:** Books for each class (approximately $7-12 per book), and the surrender your life . . . (Luke 9:23-24) – “Then He said to them all, “if anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.”

**Course Requirements**

1. **Serving for Wed night meals at HCF. You must prayerfully seek some form of ministry in your local church weekly while in classes.**
2. **As a group, you may be asked to prayerfully prepare at least one outreach together.**
3. **Class is held once a week, over a 5-7-week session – individual students cannot miss more than 1 class per session.**
4. **Morality – The purpose of these classes is not to simply grow in head knowledge but to grow in character. We expect that the student’s moral character will be in keeping with biblical morality.**

**SURVEY COURSE (Old and New Testament Bible Survey with Chuck Smith)**

**BOOK – (Bible, Mp3player) - (Time requirement – approximately one year)**

Probably the most significant class. Since the Word is our foundation for practice and faith nothing would be more valuable than taking Survey through the entire Bible. There are approximately 300 plus survey teachings so if you listen to about 1 a day you will complete them during the duration of the rest of the courses. This is to give you a good foundation in the big picture of Scripture, and to let God wash you in the water of His Word all the while renewing the mind with the truth of His Word. Since it Is true, you will reap what you sow, this will be life transforming to he who has an ear to hear. Along with this you will answer questions from each teaching, and take a small page of notes. When you are complete you will have your very own Bible commentary!

**PRACTICAL SERVICE COURSE**

During the duration of the SOM you will have practical assignments, including serving in the local church Sundays and Wednesday nights. The goal of these classes is not to teach mere information but to become doers of His Word, overflowing with the love of Christ, ministering to others. This will be included in your syllabus for each class.

**­­­­­­COURSE 1 (ROMANS 1-8) – The Gospel Foundation**

**BOOK – (The Normal Christian Life) (The Bible)**

**(Time requirement – 6 -7weeks)**

This course will focus on what it is that Christ has done for us through the gospel of grace. In the book of Romans Paul lays out the most systematic argument for the gospel in the scriptures. Through this course we should come to a Solid foundation of what the gospel is and how through it we can live the Normal Christian Life according to God’s grace with complete reliance upon the person of Jesus. As William Newel said concerning the book of Romans - “To preach devotion first and blessing second, is to reverse God’s order, and preach law and no grace.”

**COURSE 2 (Acts of the Holy Spirit)**

**BOOK- (Living Water) (The Bible)**

**(Time requirement 5 – 6 weeks)**

This course will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit from a Scriptural standpoint, and on the work of the Holy Spirit through the body. The purpose in this course is that through much practical use and prayer the Lord will help us to see our gifts and calling appointed by God and not man within the body of Christ so that we can effectively use those gifts and callings God ordained within the body of Christ. If you have always wondered where you fit in the body, then this is a time to seek the Lord and His word. Find out what He is calling us to be within the body of Christ.

**COURSE 3 (Inductive Bible Study)**

**BOOK – (www.blueletterbible.org)(Handouts from IBS, Bible)**

**(Time requirement – 6-7 weeks)**

This course will focus on the study of the Word. Many people have often wondered how to effectively study the Bible. This is one of the most exciting classes to me as we learn to study the Word allowing the Holy Spirit to be our teacher and allowing the Word to be the best commentary on the Word. We will learn how to accurately and with edification study the Word in our own personal study time, to teach group studies and prepare a sermon without the use of many commentaries. I have found many people would love to teach others the Word, but just need some direction on how to prepare a study. When we are done with this course, within a short time by the work of the Holy Spirit you will be able to prepare a Bible study in the middle of Asia or prepare a short message for our children’s Sunday school class. We are called to this (2 Timothy 2:15) “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

**COURSE 4 (WIN)**

**BOOK – (EVANGELISM EXPLOSION, BIBLE, THE CALL)**

**(Time requirement 7 weeks)**

Now that we know what to do with people that are won when they are saved, let’s get some tools and encouragement to win them. Many of us would like to be effective, consistent witnesses to the people around us so this course will equip you with some tools to share an effective accurate gospel message with people. We are commanded to “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every Creature.” **(Mk 16:15).** As leaders in the body of Christ we are no doubt called to “. . . do the work of an evangelist . . .” **(2 Timothy 4:5**).

**COURSE 5 (Biblical Counseling) (DISCIPLE)**

**BOOK – (HOW TO COUNSEL GODS WAY, Bible)**

**(Time requirement 5-6 weeks)**

There is a lot of counsel out in the world nowadays but there is no wonder there is so little success. Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor. In this class we will talk about the difference about worldly counsel vs. biblical counsel. We will look at the sufficiency of God’s word to Counsel. We will look at how to practically apply that to our own lives and others.

**COURSE 6 - REVELATION**

**BOOK – Bible (**[**www.blueletterbible.com**](http://www.blueletterbible.com) **)**

**(Time requirement – 6 weeks)**

In this class, we will come to a better understanding of the days we live in, and where we are headed. There is only one book in the Bible with a promised blessing, so in this class we will seek to overview the Book of Revelation while putting the other prophecies in the Bible in their proper place. **(Revelation 1:3) – “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”** We will look at the Time of the Gentiles, Church age, 1st half of the Tribulation, 2nd half of the Tribulation, Kingdom age, and Heaven.”

**COMPLETION:** Everyone who completes all courses in any order will receive a certificate of completion, but more importantly will hopefully be equipped for Gods call their life, and ultimately have drawn closer to Jesus.

* **You may take one course at a time, as your schedule permits. The courses are however designed to give you a well-rounded preparation for life ministry if you take them all together.**

1. **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

* We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are verbally inspired of God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
* We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matt. 3:16-17, 28:19-20; Eph. 4:4-6)
* We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man. (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-35)
* We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature. (Gen. 1:27; Rom. 3:23, 5:12)
* We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. (1 Cor. 15:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 1:7-8; Heb. 9:27-28; 1John 2:2)
* We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life as High Priest and Advocate. (Acts 1:9; 1Tim. 2:5; 1 Cor. 15:1-8, 20-22)
* We believe in the personal and imminent (Pre-Tribulation rapture) return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Matt 24: 29-31; I Thes. 4:15-16; Titus 2:11-13)
* We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God and are made members of the one Body, the true Church of Jesus Christ. (John 3:3-5; Acts 16:30-31; 1 Cor. 12:12-20; Eph. 1:3-14)
* We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.  (John 5:28-29; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 20:11-15)
* We believe in the empowering gift (Acts 1:8), baptism (Acts 1:5), and filling upon relationship with the Holy Spirit which is necessary for effective service to the Lord. We believe this could happen when someone is saved and believes in Jesus as their Savior (Acts 10:44) but often occurs subsequent to salvation (Acts 2:1-4, Acts 8:16-17, Acts 9:17, Acts 19). We Believe that this is a pre-requisite to fruitful ministry, and should be evidenced in the servant’s life by the fruit of the Holy Spirit (ultimately love), and the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1Cor 12, Rom 12, Eph 4). We Believe firmly that the ministry is not to be done in the power of the flesh, but in the power of the Spirit (Zech 4:6, Gal 3:3).
* MORALITY – “We Believe that anyone serving at HCF/The Resting Grounds should have a biblical standard of morality. We believe that people serving in the church should hold to the biblical standard of (1 Timothy 3) for elders and deacons (servants, ministers). We believe that all divisiveness, immorality, drug use, or alcohol abuse should be dealt with immediately in hopes of correction and restoration.”
* I AGREE WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENT OF FAITH: (Yes) or (No).

**SIGN UP!!!**

**I have prayed about this and believe that the Lord is leading me to take these classes, and therefore would like to be held accountable, in love, to complete them. . .**

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**BRIEFLY WRITE YOUR SALVATION EXPERIENCE AND WHY YOU WANT TO TAKE THESE CLASSES.**

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