Syllabus for Old Testament Survey

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Course Description – This course is designed to help you understand the Old Testament and examines the purpose, message, structure, and major themes of each book in the Old Testament.

Course Objectives – This course is designed to familiarize students with the major themes and topics of the Old Testament. The student should be able to see the overarching theme of the whole of the Old Testament and how it lays a foundation for understanding the New Testament in the Holy Scriptures.

1. Reading:

Textbook:

* Read *How to Read the Bible Book by Book: A Guided Tour* by Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart (Old Testament section ONLY)

\*There will be a paper signed at the end of the class verifying that you read the course material. It is based upon an honor system.

1. Final Paper:

At the end of the class, a minimum three typed page paper is due. The paper must include what the class was about in summary and what the student learned from it and also how it affected him personally.

1. Grading and Course Requirements:

There will be no grades given. It will be pass or fail depending upon whether the book and paper are completed showing an understanding of the material taught and faithfulness of attendance for the classes (this will require you attending at least eighty percent of the classes). If you miss a class in person, you can always watch it online (or you can watch all the classes online).

Along with taking classes faithfully, reading the book assigned, and writing a minimum three-page paper, you also need to do the following per semester for you to finish the semester in good standing:

* You need to complete 20 hours minimum of ministry in or outside of a local church context (serving others with the love of Jesus). This can include, but is not limited to, the following: Street evangelism, soup kitchen, food pantry, prison ministry, ushering, greeting, children’s ministry, youth ministry, young adult ministry, worship music ministry, teaching/preaching, leading in a home group fellowship, Celebrate Recovery group, a Bible study, prayer ministry, church leadership, etc.
* You need to commit to do evangelism at least once per semester. You can either witness on your own or join Pastor Chris and John on the streets. You need to share the Gospel with at least one person per semester. Helping with an evangelistic outreach counts toward this requirement as well.
* You need to commit to having a devotional time (a time of prayer and Bible study) with the Lord each day for at least thirty minutes a day (there will be rare exceptions where this might not happen such as illness or an emergency, etc.). We are not legalistic about this, but we are trying to get people to practice self-control in doing spiritual disciplines. This is essential for spiritual formation.
* You need to commit to being part of a local church.

\*These requirements being done are all based upon an honor system and there is a paper to sign at the end of each class and semester verifying it was accomplished.

1. Course Outline

Here is the rough outline of the classes along with the reading material to read in advance for each class.

Classes:

1 – Introduction and Overview of OT Read pgs. 14-42

 Genesis and Exodus

2 – Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy Read pgs. 43-62

3 – Joshua and Judges Read pgs. 63-77

4 – Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel Read pgs. 78-90

5 – 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles Read pgs. 91-107

6 – Ezra-Nehemiah, Esther Read pgs. 108-120

7 – Wisdom literature Read pgs. 121-165

8 – Lamentations, Isaiah, and Jeremiah Read pgs. 166-194

9 – Ezekiel, Daniel Read pgs. 195-210

10 – Minor Prophets Read pgs. 211-265