

# PT-581 MENTORED PRACTICUM

Shepherds Theological Seminary, Cary, NC

**Professor: William Barber, DMin., Director of Mentoring**

**Fall 2011 - 2 Credit Hours**

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Mentored Practicum is a class designed to be an entry into ministry and discipleship. As such, each entering student is encouraged to take the course during his/her first year at Shepherds. The class centers around teaching that is designed to introduce the student to various ministries of the church and discipleship labs that provide opportunities for small group discipleship with Seminary faculty. By the end of the course, the student will have formulated a philosophy of ministry and set specific goals that will guide one through the internship, and for Master of Divinity students, the apprenticeship. This class is a prerequisite to beginning the internship.

## CLASS MEETINGS

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. - Room SC-222

Class sessions and discipleship labs are held on alternating weeks. Attendance is expected for each class session except in the cases of emergency as stated in the Student Handbook.

## PROFESSOR'S CONTACT

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## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

**Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:**

- describe the biblical requisites and discipleship expected of Christian leaders
- set forth the importance of a mentoring/accountability relationship for staying the course in ministry
- cite and explain key biblical texts on personal discipleship
- cite and properly interpret key passages on the call to ministry and the related spiritual gifts
- establish a clear set of priorities for his/her spiritual development
- formulate a philosophy of spiritual leadership
- describe the specific ministry and ministry goals he/she expects to accomplish

## REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS

1. *Pastoral Competency Audit & Pastoral Competency Goals* (for pastoral students)
2. *Ministry Experience Audit* (for non-pastoral students)
3. *Personal Character Audit and Personal Character Goals*
4. *Profile for STS Students*
5. *Spiritual Gifts Analysis* – [www.churchgrowth.org/analysis](http://www.churchgrowth.org/analysis)
6. *Ministry Aptitude Survey*

## REQUIRED READING

Sanders, J. Oswald. *Spiritual Leadership*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1967. (166 Pages)  
Remaining pages of the require 500 to be read from “Other Selections” as shown below

## OTHER SELECTIONS

- Arterburn, Stephen and Fred Stoeker. *Every Man's Battle*. Colorado Springs: Waterbrook Press, 2000.
- Ethridge, Shannon. *Every Woman's Battle*. Colorado Springs: Waterbrook Press, 2003.
- Farrar, Steve. *Finishing Strong: Going the Distance for Your Family*. Sisters, OR: Multnomah Publications, 1995.
- Hendricks, Howard G. and William D. Hendricks. *As Iron Sharpens Iron: Building Character in a Mentoring Relationship*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 1995. (268 pages)
- Hughes, Kent. *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, Kent Hughes. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 1991.
- Hughes, Kent and Barbara Hughes. *Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome*. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2008.
- MacArthur, Jr., John. *Found: God's Will*. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1977.
- Meadors, Gary T. *Decision Making God's Way*, Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003.
- Miller, Arthur F. Jr. and William Hendricks. *The Power of Uniqueness*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1999.
- J. I. Packer. *Knowing God*. Downers Grove: Intervarsity Press, 1998.
- Piper, John and Wayne Grudem, eds. *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* (select chapters). Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2006.
- Robinson, Haddon W. *Decision Making by the Book*. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1991.
- Smith, Charles R. “Decision Making and the Will of God: A Review Article.” *Grace Journal of Theology*, Vol. 04:1, Spring 1983.
- Swavely, Dave. *Decisions, Decisions*. Phillipsburg, New Jersey: P & R Publishing Company, 2003.
- Wiersbe, Warren W. *Living with the Giants*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1993.
- Wiersbe, Warren W. *On Being a Servant of God*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1999. (143 pages)
- Wiersbe, Warren W. *The Integrity Crisis*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1988.
- Waltke, Bruce K. *Finding the Will of God: A Pagan Notion*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1995.

Any approved biography of a great Christian of the past

## DISCIPLESHIP LAB

### Discipleship Lab format

In a colloquial setting each session will include the following:

- a devotional time led by designated student
- an interactive time regarding student issues, challenges, and needs
- a discussion of the three assigned chapters in Piper's *Brothers, We Are Not Professionals*

### Required Text for Discipleship Lab:

Piper, John. *Brothers, We Are Not Professionals*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2002.

The Practicum is designed for the student to engage in research, planning, structuring, and goal-setting for their required Internships and Apprenticeships.

## REQUIRED

A two-page report (typed and double spaced) on each volume you read detailing the following:

- a) focus and main points of the author
- b) beneficial elements relating to your personal spiritual growth
- c) personal challenge you received

A penalty of 10 points per week for late completion of assignments will be levied unless approved by professor.

## GRADING

Class participation including required submissions -25%

Completing reading assignments and giving quality written reports - 25%

Participation in Discipleship Labs and Scripture memorization- 25%

Quizzes - 25%

## PLAGIARISM

All STS students must comply with the seminary's academic dishonesty policy. Seminary education is based upon shared values concerning the nature of learning and the pursuit of knowledge. One of the most basic assumptions is the respect for intellectual property and right of recognition for this pursuit of knowledge. Violation of this basic assumption includes such practices as cheating, plagiarism, abuse of technology, falsification of research data, unapproved collaborative research, and other deceptive academic practices. Sometimes these abuses are unintentional, but much intentional abuse is found in higher education institutions, even Christian seminaries. Student should carefully review Section 2.8 in the 2010-2011 Student Handbook, entitled "Cheating and Plagiarism," for details concerning violations.

## SCRIPTURES TO MEMORIZE

Phil 3:7, 10-11; Gal 2:20 & 6:14; Rom 12:1-2; Col 3:1-4; Phil 2:5-11, 3:13-14

## ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Baxter, Richard. *The Reformed Pastor*. Carlisle: Banner of Truth, 1979.
- Berg, Jim. *Changed into His Image*. Greenville: BJU Press, 1999.
- Duewel, Wesley L. *Ablaze for God*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1989.
- Edge, Findley B. *The Doctrine of the Laity*. Nashville: Convention Press, 1985. (ISBN 5133-95)
- Friessen, Gary. *Decision Making and the Will of God*. Mulnomah Publications, 2000.
- Hemphill, Ken. *The Antioch Effect*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994. (ISBN 0-8054-016-4)
- Jowett, J. H. *The Preacher: His Life and Work*. New York: Harper & Brothers Publishers, 1912.
- McCasland, David. *Abandoned to God*. Grand Rapids: Discovery House Publishers, 1993.
- Packer, J.I. *Knowing God*. Downers Grove: Intervarsity Press, 1998.
- Robinson, Haddon. *Decision Making by the Book*. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1991.
- . *The Solid Rock Construction Company: How to Build Your Life on the Right Foundation*. Grand Rapids: Discovery House Publishers, 1989.
- Wagner, Charles U. *Laborers Together*. Schaumburg, Ill: Laborers Together, 1988. (ISBN 0-97227-128-5).
- Wiersbe, Warren W. *Living with the Giants*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1993.
- . *10 Power Principles for Christian Service*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1987. (ISBN 0-8010-9029-6)
- Wilkins, Michael J. *Following the Master: A Biblical Theology of Discipleship*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992.

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