

CALVARY CHAPEL HUDSON VALLEY

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers." - Matthew 9:37-38

Introduction

The Calvary Chapel Hudson Valley School of Ministry is beginning its very first year, and we are excited for all that the Lord desires to do in and through this program. Our vision is to equip men and women for the work of ministry by grounding them in the Word of God and developing Christ-like character. This first year marks the beginning of a ministry where students are invited to grow deeper in their walk with Jesus and prepare to serve Him faithfully in every area of life.

This program has been prayerfully designed not simply to pass on knowledge, but to shape disciples who reflect the heart of Christ. Through sermons, Bible reading, book studies, prayer, and hands-on ministry involvement, students will be disciplined and encouraged to live as those who are fully devoted to Jesus Christ.

As this is our first class, each student is part of laying the foundation for years to come. Together, we will discover what it means to be formed by the Word of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by fellowship. Every testimony shared, every discussion, and every moment in prayer will serve as both training for ministry and a witness to the faithfulness of God.

Our desire is to see each student develop lasting habits of devotion, prayer, humility, and service. These practices are not just disciplines for a season, but patterns of life that shape us into faithful disciples of Christ. As students grow in these areas, they will be equipped not only for ministry within the church, but also to live as witnesses of Jesus in every area of their life.

It is with anticipation and joy that we step into this new beginning, trusting God to use this program to raise up faithful laborers for His harvest.

Testimonies

Each student will be expected to prepare and share their personal testimony within five minutes in the course. This exercise not only strengthens individual faith but also equips students to share the gospel with others.

Bible Readings

Systematic Bible reading is central to the School of Ministry. Each session includes a selected portion of Scripture to be read, meditated upon, and discussed in class. Students are encouraged to journal key insights, questions, and applications from their reading which will be discussed in the following session. The Bible is our ultimate authority, and this practice helps students grow in their knowledge of the Word and their walk with Christ.

Book Readings

Alongside the Bible, carefully chosen books by trusted Christian authors provide practical instruction on servanthood, leadership, prayer, evangelism, and walking in the Spirit. These readings complement Scripture and foster thoughtful discussion, deeper understanding, and personal growth. Students are expected to complete the readings before class and come prepared to share insights and applications in class.

Attendance & Participation

Consistent attendance is an important part of spiritual growth and ministry training and is essential for the completion of the course. Each session builds upon the last, and being present allows students to benefit fully from teaching, discussion, and fellowship. Students are expected to attend and participate regularly, and serve in some capacity in the ministries of Calvary Chapel Hudson Valley. If an absence is necessary, it should be communicated in advance whenever possible. Please note that more than four absences may hinder successful completion of the program.

Sermons

Throughout the year, students will hear topical sermons taught by different pastors and ministry leaders. These messages will focus on ministry, serving others, and walking closely with the Lord. Hearing from a variety of teachers will help students see the many ways God works through His people and will encourage them to grow in both faith and service. Students are expected to take notes during these sermons so they can reflect, review, and apply what they have learned.

Conclusion

This School of Ministry is not simply about gaining information, but about experiencing transformation. Our desire is that every lesson, every reading, every testimony, and every time of prayer will draw students closer to Jesus and shape them into His likeness. Ministry is not built on head knowledge alone, but on hearts changed by the Spirit of God. As we walk through this first year together, we trust that the Lord will use this program to raise up men and women who know Him deeply, love Him sincerely, and serve Him faithfully for the rest of their lives.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Session 1. *Mark 1-5*

Session 2. *Mark 6-10*

Session 3. *Mark 11-16*

Session 4. *Acts 1-8*

Session 5. *Acts 9-18*

Session 6. *Acts 19-28*

Session 7. *2 Corinthians 1-7*

Session 8. *2 Corinthians 8-13*

Session 9. *1 Timothy and 2 Timothy*

Session 10. *1 Peter and 2 Peter*

Session 11. *Ephesians 1-6*

Session 12. *Romans 1-8*

Session 13. *Romans 9-16*

Session 14. *Hebrews 1-6*

Session 15. *Hebrews 7-13*

Session 16. *Philippians 1-4*

Session 17. *Jonah 1-4*

Session 18. *Revelation 1-11*

Session 19. *Revelation 12-22*

Session 20. *1 John 1-5*

BOOK READING SCHEDULE

- Session 1. *On being a Servant of the Lord by Warren Wiersbe* (Pg 1-72)
- Session 2. *On being a Servant of the Lord by Warren Wiersbe* (Pg 73-140)
- Session 3. *Living Water by Chuck Smith* (Chapter 1-6, Pg 1-92)
- Session 4. *Living Water by Chuck Smith* (Chapter 7-13, Pg 95-172)
- Session 5. *Living Water by Chuck Smith* (Chapter 14-20, Pg 173- 249)
- Session 6. *Living Water by Chuck Smith* (Chapter 21- Epilogue, Pg 251-317)
- Session 7. *A Tale of Three Kings by Gene Edwards* (Pg 1-98, whole book)
- Session 8. *The Jesus Style by Gayle Erwin* (Pg 1-66)
- Session 9. *The Jesus Style by Gayle Erwin* (Pg 67-124)
- Session 10. *The Jesus Style by Gayle Erwin* (Pg 125-181)
- Session 11. *Servant, the Person God uses by Raul Ries* (chapter 1-6, Pg. 1-75)
- Session 12. *Servant, the Person God uses by Raul Ries* (Chapter 7-12, Pg 76-152)
- Session 13. *Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders* (Chapter 1-8, Pg 1-75)
- Session 14. *Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders* (Chapter 9-15, Pg 77-149)
- Session 15. *Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders* (Chapter 16-22, Pg 151-206)
- Session 16. *The Crucified Life by A. W. Tozer* (Chapter 1-6, Pg 1-88)
- Session 17. *The Crucified Life by A. W. Tozer* (Chapter 7-12, Pg 89-153)
- Session 18. *The Crucified Life by A. W. Tozer* (Chapter 13-16, Pg 157-220)
- Session 19. *Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortlund* (Chapter 1-11, Pg 1-112)
- Session 20. *Gentle And Lowly by Dane Ortlund* (Chapter 12-23, Pg 113-218)

WEEK BY WEEK OVERVIEW

Week 1- 9/6/25

Initial Course Overview, journaling, prepare testimony

Sermon: Servanthood

Bible Reading: Mark 1-5

Book Reading: *On being a Servant of the Lord by Warren Wiersbe* (Pg 1-72)

Week 2- 9/20

(Discuss Bible reading, Book reading, and Testimony)

Sermon: The love of God constrains me

Bible Reading: Mark 6-10

Book Reading: *On being a Servant of the Lord by Warren Wiersbe* (Pg 73-140)

Week 3- 10/4

Sermon: Characteristics of a Servant

Bible Reading: Mark 11-16

Book Reading: *Living Water by Chuck Smith*

(Chapter 1-6, Pg 1-92)

Week 4- 10/18

Sermon: The Holy Spirit and His power in our lives

Bible reading: Acts 1-8

Book Reading: *Living Water by Chuck Smith*

(Chapter 7-13, Pg 93-172)

Week 5- 11/1

Sermon: Determining the Will of God

Bible Reading: Acts 9-18

Book Reading: *Living Water by Chuck Smith*

(Chapter 14-20, Pg 173- 249)

Week 6- 11/15

Sermon: Prayer (what it is, why it's important, how to do it)

Bible reading: *Acts 19-28*

Book reading: *Living Water by Chuck Smith*

(Chapter 21- Epilogue, Pg 250-317)

Week 7- 12/6/25

Sermon: Spiritual Gifts

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 1-7

Book Reading: *A tale of three kings by Gene Edwards*

(Pg 1-98, whole book)

Week 8- 12/20/26

Sermon: Importance of a personal and living relationship with Jesus

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 8-13

Book Reading: *The Jesus Style by Gayle Erwin* (Pg 1-66)

Week 9- 1/3/26

Sermon: Requirements for Ministry

Bible Reading: 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy

Book Reading: *The Jesus Style by Gayle Erwin* (Pg 67-124)

Week 10- 1/17/26

Sermon: How to study the bible

Bible Reading: 1 Peter and 2 Peter

Book Reading: *The Jesus Style by Gayle Erwin* (Pg 125-181)

Week 11- 1/31/26

Sermon: How to teach a Bible Study

Bible Reading: Ephesians 1-6

Book Reading: *Servant, the Person God uses by Raul Ries*
(chapter 1-6, Pg. 1-75)

Week 12- 2/14/26

Sermon: Cultivating a Humble Heart

Bible Reading: Romans 1-8

Book Reading: *Servant, the Person God uses by Raul Ries*
(Chapter 7-12, Pg 76-152)

Week 13- 2/28/26

Sermon: Bitterness and Hatred(weariness in well doing)

Bible Reading: Romans 9-16

Book Reading: *Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders* (Chapter 1-8, Pg 1-76)

Week 14- 3/14/26

Sermon: Importance of the Word and Reliability of Scripture

Bible Reading: Hebrews 1-6

Book Reading: *Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders*
(Chapter 9-15, Pg 77-150)

Week 15- 3/28/26

Sermon: Leadership in Ministry

Bible Reading: Hebrews 7-13

Book Reading: *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders

(Chapter 16-22, Pg 151-206)

Week 16- 4/11/26

Sermon: A Commitment to Holiness

Bible Reading: Philippians 1-4

Book Reading: *The Crucified Life* by A. W. Tozer (Chapter 1-6, Pg 1-88)

Week 17- 4/25/26

Sermon: Faith

Bible Reading: Jonah 1-4

Book Reading: *The Crucified Life* by A. W. Tozer (Chapter 7-12, Pg 89-153)

Week 18- 5/9/26

Sermon: Evangelism

Bible Reading: Revelation 1-11

Book Reading: *The Crucified life* by A. W. Tozer (Chapter 13-16, Pg 157-220)

Week 19- 5/23/26

Sermon: Grace

Bible Reading: Revelation 12-22

Book Reading: *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund (Chapter 1-11, Pg 1-112)

Week 20- 6/6/26

Sermon: Living in Hope of His Return

Bible Reading: 1 John 1-5

Book Reading: *Gentle And Lowly by Dane Ortlund* (Chapter 12-23, Pg 113-218)

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCE LIST

Calvary Chapel Hudson Valley (Media) - Bobby Hargraves



Calvary Chapel Philadelphia (Teaching Library) - Joe Focht



Calvary Church (Teachings) - Skip Heitzig



The Word for Today - Chuck Smith



Blue Letter Bible



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