

# Training Program

A one-year certificate program to equip the church,  
in partnership with Western Seminary



## Program Syllabus

**2020-2021**

## From Western Seminary

For the church, there are few responsibilities more important than the development and nurturing of its leaders. The health of our congregations, and the propagation of the gospel of Christ depend on godly leaders who are committed to and competent for the care of the saints.

Unfortunately, the path to ministry leadership often takes unexpected twists and turns. The challenges of life in this new millennium are making it increasingly difficult - if not impossible - for many individuals to access the focused leadership training that seminaries and Bible colleges have long provided.

Western Seminary is pleased to partner with Calvary Chapel South in the task of equipping men and women, regardless of prior academic accomplishment, to serve our Lord more effectively in ministry and in their personal walk with Christ. The Training Program Certificate reflects the seminary's continuing commitment to bringing soundly biblical, gospel-centered ministry training and resources to the global church community.

We trust you will enjoy your studies and that you will be enriched in your service to Christ as a minister of His glorious Gospel.



Randal Roberts  
President  
Western Seminary

**From Calvary Chapel  
South**

Ephesians 4 talks about the responsibility we have to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. This is discipleship. Calvary Chapel South has been committed to this equipping since its beginning in 1990. Here we are 30 years later, excited to partner with Western Seminary, to further the Great Commission to go and make disciples.

Our desire is that this training program helps you to grow, more and more, into the fullness of Christ. That when you complete this program, you will look more like Jesus and be better equipped to serve Him.

The beautiful thing about Western Seminary is that they also share this vision for discipleship. They understand that not everyone who serves in ministry has the opportunity to go to a Bible college or seminary. The result: this gospel-centered resource for the local church. I have completed several of these courses and every one has been excellent!

I am thrilled to get to see you engage in these materials and grow in your faith. I'm anticipating the things God will do in and through you as you commit your time and energy to studying His Word.



Kevin Day  
Senior Pastor  
Calvary Chapel South

# Program Overview

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Training Program is to equip Christians with gospel-centered resources and to strengthen their foundation of theology and biblical-worldview.

## **OUTCOME**

The envisioned outcome is singular – through the Training Program, participants will experience a direct connection between their personal development and an increased effectiveness in their respective ministries.

## **TASKS**

Because the Training Program is designed for those with already demanding schedules, the courses are concise, and tasks are minimal.

Program-related tasks will include the attendance of monthly seminars (2hrs/month), the viewing of all of the classes and note-taking related to the classes (about 5hrs/month), three selected readings over the three quarters, the memorization of three selected passages over the three quarters, and the delivery of two short Bible studies.

Students will also maintain a schedule of contact with their huddle leader and participate in scheduled forums. Most of the tasks, courses, forums and huddle meetings can be accomplished with no travel.

## **STUDENT SUPPORT**

A critical element in the program is the process of connecting to multiple layers of brothers and sisters in Christ who are committed to “shepherding” you through the Training Program.

- 1.) **Monthly** - with Training Program Leadership Team (*primarily at monthly seminars, but available throughout the month*)
- 2.) **Regularly** - with Huddle Leaders (*Once-a-month recommended*)
- 3.) **Frequently** - peer-level involvement with other students (*via huddles and other informal gatherings*)

## **CONTENT**

Your Training Program Certificate has been purposefully crafted through consultation with Western Seminary and CCS Leadership to be both challenging and doable, academic and practical, high quality and affordable. The courses fit neatly into one school year, and come packaged in manageable online formats enhanced by occasional online forums and monthly seminars. Upon completion of the program, students also receive the opportunity to serve in future classes as huddle leaders and seminar facilitators.

## **FORUMS**

A key component in the learning process is the interaction among students and facilitators through scheduled online forums. Students will receive instructions regarding these forums and using the forum tool at the first seminar in September.

## **ENROLLMENT**

Students will enroll through Calvary Chapel South ([ccskent.org/training-program](http://ccskent.org/training-program)) via an online registration form. Tuition cost: \$350

## **COURSE ACCESS**

Students will have unlimited access to the courses through a link provided on the CCS website; that link will take the participants to a course menu through which they will be able to access the course content.

## **COURSE FORMATS**

Course formats include video media from Western Seminary, as well as live instruction that will be taught on site at CCS during the monthly seminars.



## **COURSE WORK / ASSIGNMENTS**

The Training Program readings and assignments are designed to enhance both the students understanding of the course material and their ability to apply those understandings practically to their respective ministries. As such, there is no homework just for the sake of homework. Also, the amount of course-related tasks are scaled to accomplish the broad goals of the program and to fit the schedules of any participant.

### **The course work/assignments are:**

- Complete viewing (or listening) of course lessons, comprehension quizzes and note taking;
- Complete reading of the three books, one assigned for each quarter accompanied by follow-up discussion at monthly seminars;
- Active participation in program forums per instruction (may differ from month to month);
- The preparation and delivery of two short Bible studies
  - **Option 1:** Deliver two 5-10 minute expository teachings of a selected passage to the class
  - **Option 2:** Write two 1000-word expository papers on selected passages, which will be posted for the class to read.
  - **Option 3:** Deliver one teaching and write one paper
  - The first will be due by or before January's seminar, the second will be due by or before May's seminar
- The memorization of three selected passages over the three quarters;
- The full completion of the above, no later than the final day of the program



## READING

Fall Reading: Roy Hession, "The Calvary Road"

Winter Reading: Chuck Smith, "Calvary Distinctives"

Spring Reading: Chuck Smith, "Grace Changes Everything"

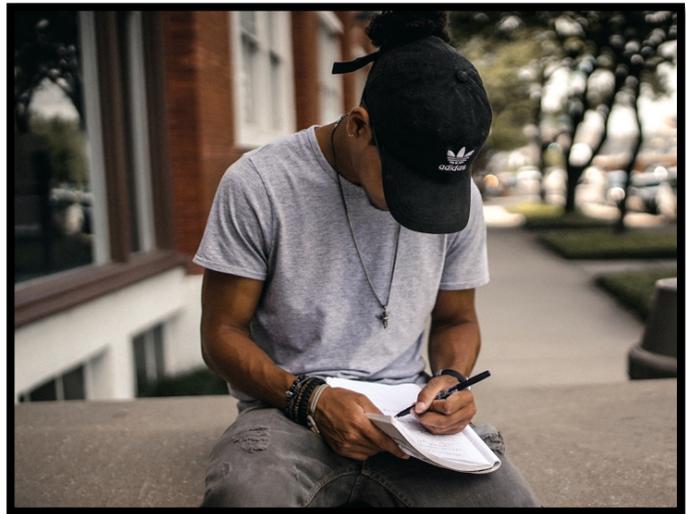
## EVALUATION / COMPLETION

While there is no grading in the traditional academic sense, evaluation will be a constant aspect of the Training Program. Evaluation will take place at the monthly seminars, through the student's participation record, and through a final program summary evaluation for the purpose of exploring the overall results of the Training Program. Students who complete the Training Program will be formally recognized at a scheduled CCS event. Full participation in the program is a requirement for the Training Program Certification of Completion; CCS leaders will determine the participation status of each student.

## RECORDS

CCS will retain a record of student participation in the program and provide confirmation of participation and completion for any student needing affirmation for a job or ministry-related purpose. All students will be encouraged to retain a portfolio of work accomplished in the program as further evidence of participation and competence in the program's areas of study. Each student who successfully completes the program will receive letters of completion from both CCS and Western Seminary.

It is important to note that the Training Program is not a graduate credit program and as such does not provide transferrable credit for upper level graduate programs and courses.



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- **Seminar #1:** September 11
- **Seminar #2:** October 9

- **Seminar #3:** November 13
- **Seminar #4:** January 8
- **Seminar #5** February 12
- **Seminar #6** March 12
- **Seminar #7** April 9
- **Seminar #8** May 14
- **Seminar #9** June 11

## IMPORTANT DATES / EVENTS

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Seminars 9:30am – 11:30am: (December Off)**
- **Leadership Summit 2021:** TBD
- **Graduation Sunday:** June 12, 2022 (Subject to change)

# Course Descriptions

These courses will provide a foundation of Bible and theology to better equip disciples to read, understand, and apply God's Word to life situations.

- **The Bible: Connecting the Pieces**  
For some of us our knowledge of the Bible is like a refrigerator door covered with post-it notes, each containing an important message but there is no coherence between them. For some it's like reading a Dictionary; a lot of important pieces of information but no thread to the story. This course will help you make sense of all those pieces. Dr. Downs will give you a file cabinet containing major folders into which you can insert your individual file folders. I'm not sure what the exact age is, there probably isn't one, but somewhere in the formative years of our

spiritual development this should be a required course of learning. If you want to be able to summarize the Bible on a table napkin, this will give you a way to do that.

- **New Testament Overview: The Gospel and Acts**

This course will change your life! Studying the Gospels of the New Testament, provides us with an opportunity to synthesize the whole Bible. Further, these texts record the most important events in history: Jesus's teaching, death, and resurrection. No facet of

human worldview studies escapes Jesus's message and ministry. In the book of Acts, Luke offered portraits of the work of the Holy Spirit through the apostles and the early Church. Luke detailed the coming of the Spirit and Pentecost and the birth of the Church (Acts 2). Luke then noted the Spirit's power upon Peter and the apostles-- power that got the attention of Jewish leadership.

- **Old Testament Overview**

In this study, Dr. Carl Laney will guide you through the major events and themes of the Old Testament. Dr. Laney is Professor of Biblical Literature at Western Seminary and the author of many books, including "God", "The Divorce Myth", and "Tyndale's Concise Bible Commentary."

- **Discipleship: Participating In God's Story**

Followers of Jesus are those who have embraced His Person and His work as lived out in His earthly ministry, His sacrificial death on the cross, His conquering of death through His resurrection and His offering of life eternal to those who believe. And for those who believe . . . saved by His grace . . . there is a calling . . . the calling of discipleship . . . become a disciple and make disciples.

This series is about both becoming and making. Of embracing the grace of God's saving offer through

His Son Jesus and the stewardship of carrying that grace through His image, lived out in us, to those He is yet to call into relationship with Himself. For the saved, imaging Christ becomes a central privilege and duty of life through which, they fulfill these crucial last injunctions of Jesus before His return to the Father

- **The Mere Christian's Life: The Resilience of C.S. Lewis in Today's World**

Why do the writings and statements of C.S. Lewis still have such broad resilience today? Regardless of whether they've read his works, many Christians alive today would recognize the name. As a pastor and adjunct seminary professor, Dr. Dwain Tissell has come to love the resilient gospel message of Lewis's work. Even in a progressively post-Christian environment, Tissell argues that Lewis stands as an example of hope that it is possible to be a winsome follower of Jesus.

The goal for the six sessions that make up this course is to provide an overview of C.S. Lewis's context and Christian writing so as to discover what it means to be a resilient mere Christian in our increasingly post-Christian world. We'll discover five marks of a mere Christian, modeled by the life and teaching of C.S. Lewis, that are still relevant for our day, because they

too are biblical. We believe that through this study, we will come to a much deeper understanding of what it means to be resilient Christians, both as individuals and as the collective body of Christ.

- **The Theology of Work**

What is God calling you to do? Is his calling only for pastors and “professional ministers” or is it something that applies to all of his people? Dr. Gerry Breshears, professor of systematic theology at Western Seminary, explores key questions such as who God is, what he has created people to be, how being the image of God affects the way we approach work, and what is the role of spiritual gifts in our job. This course will expand your vision of what work is all about, as you come to see yourself as God’s co-worker and representative.

- **Theology 1: Revelation and God's Nature and Character**

There are core beliefs that should be shared by all evangelical Christians. While there are certainly areas with which we can agree to disagree, there is a core of common beliefs that unite us around the person of Jesus Christ. In this class, Dr. Breshears discusses specifically those core topics.

- **Theology 2: Humans, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit**

There are core beliefs that should be shared by all evangelical Christians. While there are certainly areas with which we can agree to disagree, there is a core of common beliefs that unite us around the person of Jesus Christ. In this class, Dr. Breshears discusses specifically those core topics.

- **Theology 3: Salvation, the Church, and the Kingdom**

There are core beliefs that should be shared by all evangelical Christians. While there are certainly areas with which we can agree to disagree, there is a core of common beliefs that unite us around the person of Jesus Christ. In this class, Dr. Breshears discusses specifically those core topics.

# Assignment Completion Schedule

In order to participate in discussions online and at our monthly seminar, the following timeframe for all assignment completions have been established.

**Due by October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**ON-LINE COURSE: THE BIBLE: CONNECTING THE PIECES**

**Due by November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**ON-LINE COURSE: NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW -THE GOSPEL AND ACTS  
READING: "THE CALVARY ROAD" SCRIPTURE  
MEMORIZATION #1: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17**

**Due by January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**ON-LINE COURSE: OLD TESTAMENT OVERVIEW**

**Due by February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**ON-LINE COURSE:  
DISCIPLESHIP: PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S STORY ON-LINE COURSE: THE  
MERE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE ASSIGNMENT #1**

**Due by March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**ON-LINE COURSE: THE  
THEOLOGY OF WORK READING: #CALVARY DISTINCTIVES  
SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION #2: HEBREWS 4:12-13**

**Due by April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**ON-LINE COURSE:  
THEOLOGY 1 - REVELATION, GOD'S NATURE AND CHARACTER**

**Due by May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**ON-LINE COURSE: THEOLOGY 2 -  
HUMANS, JESUS, AND THE SPIRIT**

**Due by June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**ON-LINE COURSE: THEOLOGY 3 -  
SALVATION, THE CHURCH, THE KINGDOM  
READING: #3 WHY GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING SCRIPTURE  
MEMORIZATION #3: EPHESIANS 2:4-10  
ASSIGNMENT #2**

## **Participation Requirements**

Complete The Following:

1. Watch each lesson in sequential order, taking the quiz at the end of each lesson
2. Attend monthly seminars
3. Read selected books
4. Memorize selected scriptures
5. Meet with huddle monthly
6. Respond to forum questions per instructions given at the prior month's Seminar
7. Complete First Assignment (Expository paper or expository message)

# Technology Help

## **How to Log in**

1. Visit <http://cldwestern.pathwright.com>
2. Click "Sign in" in the top corner"
3. Enter the username and password that you created when you set up your account using the registration link provided
4. To get to your courses hover over "Menu" in the top left corner and select "Path." All courses you are

enrolled in will show up there. (Note: If you have completed a course, it will be removed from your active dashboard. In the "Path" screen, to find completed courses, select the dropdown that says "In Progress" and select "Completed."

## **Discussion Forums**

Discussion forums allow students and mentors to reflect together on what they are learning, and the ministry applications of that instruction, without the need to be online at the same time.

Students or mentors are able to post new comments or ask questions, and everyone can then reply to any of those original posts. Forums allow every student to reflect on the course material and to have an equal voice in the conversation.

## **Course Media**

Media for each course are streamed through the course website and are best viewed in a web browser that has the latest updates installed.

When you click on the lesson media links within each course, the media player will open in a new page. You must click on the "Play" icon to start the media. You may then move forward or backward in the media using the timeline feature if you would like to locate specific media content. To view a video in full screen mode, click on the full screen icon at the bottom right of the video window. Pressing the ESC key will exit full screen mode.

## **System Requirements**

To participate effectively in your online courses, you must have access to a high-speed internet connection and a web browser. We recommend Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox to view media, but in most cases you should be able to use your favorite browser without any issues.

## **Technology Help**

If you do experience issues that you are not able to resolve, please contact the CLD team for assistance at [cld@westernseminary.edu](mailto:cld@westernseminary.edu).

