

Anglican School of Ministry
Foundations for Christian Ministry
Course Syllabus
New Testament Foundations, FOU 002
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Course Title: FOU 002 New Testament Foundations

Course Texts:

New Testament Writers and Writing by Leslie P. Fairfield and Lynn J. Fairfield
(A workbook available through Trinity Episcopal Seminary. Contact your instructor for information on ordering and payment.)

Faculty: Mr. Cliff Stephenson M. A. has been affiliated with Campus Crusade for Christ where he conducted evangelism, led large and small groups, counseled students on three different campuses, facilitated campus-wide events, and gave lectures. He graduated from Missouri State University (Bachelor of Science in Business) and Dallas Theological Seminary (Master of Arts, Biblical Studies).

Course Description: The course will introduce the student to God's word as human words and provide a basic understanding of New Testament literature. The various genres (gospel, epistle, apocalyptic, etc.) will be presented. The long range perspective of the study will be Jesus as fulfillment of the Old Testament promise of a Messiah and atoning sacrifice.

Course objectives:

- Identify the divisions in the NT canon.
- Observe the various genres of NT literature
- Become familiar with the individual perspectives of the NT authors
- Note the major theme of each book and general themes seen throughout the NT
- Demonstrate the fulfillment of OT prophesy from the NT
- Define theological and biblical words associated with course material

Assessments will be on a pass/fail basis based on the completion of weekly assignments and class participation.

Weekly assignments are based on the chapters in *New Testament Writers and Writing*

Week One: Jesus in the New Testament

Week Two: The Gospel According to Mark

Week Three: The Gospel According to Matthew

Week Four: The Gospel According to Luke

Week Five: The Gospel According to John

Week Six: The Hinge of History

Week Seven: The Acts of the Apostles

Week Eight: Paul's Early Letters: Galatians, Thessalonians

Week Nine: Paul's Theological Letters: Romans, Corinthians

Week Ten: Paul's Letters from Prison: Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, Philemon

Week Eleven: Pastoral and Polemical Letters: From Paul, from James, from Peter, from Jude, and from John

Week Twelve: Past Imperfect, Present Tense, Future Perfect: the Letter to the Hebrews and the Revelation to John