

Living Hope Bible & Ministry Courses

Equipping God's People for the Church, with the Church

In partnership with Spurgeon College at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary



One of Living Hope's core values is the Word of God as it is God's revelation and self-disclosure of himself, his plan of redemption, and his will for our lives. The church is the primary context for God's people to gather, grow, and advance his kingdom. Living Hope Bible and Ministry Courses are for believers in Jesus Christ who want to take next steps in developing themselves spiritually, mentally, and emotionally for Christ-honoring service to the church and world.

In partnership with Spurgeon College, Living Hope Bible and Ministry Courses are all about growing disciples and developing church leaders. Jesus calls us to "love the Lord our God with all of our...minds." Living Hope, as a partner with Spurgeon College, is pleased to be able to offer seminary level courses in the Bible, theology, and ministry through the Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD) program. This program is designed to equip disciples of Jesus to develop church leaders and those who want to grow in their knowledge of him and the Word.

Through this partnership, students are able to receive tuition-free undergraduate credit through Spurgeon College. While Living Hope may not offer this many courses, students can earn up to 36 credit hours toward an undergraduate degree program (associate or bachelor's degrees) at Spurgeon College, or for qualifying students, up to one third of the credits necessary for a seminary master's degree. Students must be "non-degree seeking," but can later apply these credits to a program. These credits may or may not transfer to any given college; any college in question should be consulted with that question.

Potential Courses Offerings in the future:

Intro to Scripture	Christian Doctrine II
Old Testament Survey I	Christian Ethics
Old Testament Survey II	World Religions
New Testament Survey I	Biblical Theology
New Testament Survey II	Sermon Preparation
Intro to Hermeneutics	Sermon Delivery
Intro to Christian Doctrine	Pastoral Care & Ministry
Christian Doctrine I	Global Missions

Who are these courses for?

These courses are for anyone who desires to grow their knowledge of God's Word and His church as well as those who desire to impact the kingdom for the sake of the gospel. We invite anyone, whether a part of Living Hope or not, to come learn for His sake!

Can I audit the courses?

Course can be taken for credit or audited; it is entirely up to you! Students who register to take a course for credit will be held to the standards of college-level work and deadlines for course work. Those who audit the courses are not expected to complete all of the additional work required for credit but are encouraged to participate as much as possible for growth and edification. Certain homework assignments and other work will, however, be expected in order to truly learn from the course as well as be prepared for the class times. In other words, someone auditing the course will still be expected to do the work necessary to engage in the in-person class times, but not necessarily the summative assignments.

What is the cost?

There is no cost for students taking a course both for credit or for auditing. The only costs you will incur are those to buy the necessary books or other desired means to complete the course(s).

How time extensive is a course?

While time requirements will vary between class and participant, the average time to complete the readings, assigned work, and in-class time is between 6-10 hours a week. Classroom meetings are on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM and last 90 minutes. Childcare is provided, and Living Hope's family mealtime happens at 5:00 PM. If a course is happening outside of the regular September to May ministry season, the classroom meeting times may be different, and childcare may or may not be provided.

How do I register for a course?

Those interested in signing up for a course will follow the same procedure as for signing up for a typical Living Hope Bible study, though there will be additional questions and information to fill out. All registration links can be found at

<https://livinghopewillmar.org/pages/registrations>

What is a current, tentative course schedule?

Old Testament Survey I Winter/Spring 2024
Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:30 PM

Christian Theology I Summer 2024
Monday evenings; 6:00-7:30 PM

Old Testament Survey II Fall 2024
Monday evenings; 6:00-7:30 PM