



Western Seminary & Mercy and Grace Ministries **GET CERTIFIED: Ministry Foundations**

Overview: With courses specially selected from Western Seminary's Theological Studies, Biblical Studies, and Elder Training Tracks in their Center for Leadership Development—this training partnership is intended to equip servant-disciples to build up the saved and evangelize the lost within jails and prisons or in other mission fields.

Total training and instruction for this certificate is 32 hours over 5 months, including Mercy and Grace 101 and 201 training (a total of 6 hours of training in 3 class sessions). As the four Western course modules are being completed, Mercy and Grace 101 and 201 should also be completed.

Students will watch 4 Western Seminary courses (from 3.5 to 5.5 hours each—total of 18 hours), review the study guides, and complete quizzes. After Western classes, students will assemble to review the material and apply it to personal spiritual growth, effective evangelism to the lost, and practical ministry to Christians.

Those review and application sessions will be combined with M&G training on the S.E.E.D. Model: Sanctification, Equipping, Empowerment, and Deployment. Total S.E.E.D. Model Instruction + Application Review Sessions are 8 hours total. The course completion celebration is one hour on 6/2/2018.

Cost: \$200. Installment payments can be arranged. Scholarships are available based upon need. Contact Eric Mueller to inquire about scholarships: eric@mercyandgrace.org.

Process:

1. Pay the course fee to Mercy and Grace of \$200.
2. Attend first course preview/instruction session (2 hours) on 1/6/2018.
3. You will receive instructions to register on-line for the Western Seminary courses. Watch each course in order, review its study guide, and take the quiz for each of the four courses on your own. This is self-paced but each one must be completed before the review session for group development and ministry application after Western courses.
4. Attend all of the Mercy & Grace application and S.E.E.D Model training sessions (make-up classes or recordings will be made available for those who cannot attend in person).
5. Complete Mercy and Grace 101 and 201 trainings (you do not have to take these trainings again if you have already completed them but you may do so as a refresher).
6. Attend final application & S.E.E.D Model session + completion ceremony (3 hours) on 6/2/2018.

Contact: Contact Mark Fisher for information about this Western Seminary & Mercy and Grace Ministries Certificate in Ministry Foundations program: mark@mercyandgrace.org. 925-726-4380.

Certificate in Ministry Foundations Schedule	Instructor	Hours	Where	When
Preview & Sanctification (Mercy and Grace)	M&G	2	CF: U-1	9-11 a.m. 1/6/18.
How to Study Your Bible (Western)	Miles	4	On-line	By 2/16
Application + Equipping (Mercy and Grace)	M&G	2	CF: U-1	9-11 a.m. 2/17/18.
Bible Survey: A Big Screen Perspective (Western)	Downs	5.5	On-line	By 3/30
Application + Empowerment (Mercy and Grace)	M&G	2	CF	9-11 a.m. 3/31/18.
What Is the Gospel? (Western)	Cortez	5	On-line	By 4/30
Ministering for Maturity (Western)	Downs	3.5	On-line	By 6/1
Application + Deployment (Mercy and Grace)	M&G	2	CF	9-11 a.m. 6/2/18.
Completion Ceremony (Mercy and Grace)	M&G	1	CF	11 a.m.-noon. 6/2/18.
Prison Ministry 101 (Mercy and Grace)	Mullen	2	CF	By 5/31
Prison Ministry 201—2 Sessions (M&G)	Mullen	4	CF	By 5/31

**CF= Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 N. Canyons Parkway, Livermore, CA 94551

Western Seminary Center for Leadership Development:

The Center for Leadership Development at Western Seminary is a vital partnership between the Seminary and the local church that exists to provide a broad range of biblical, theological, and ministerial training resources to those seeking to be better equipped for service and/or ministry leadership. The Center for Leadership Development provides training that is Gospel-Centered, Transformational, and Contextual.

Western Seminary Courses:

1. How To Study Your Bible (4 hrs.) by Todd Miles, Ph. D. Inspiration. Be a Fervent Reader of the Story of Scripture . The Significance of Context . The Redemptive Historical Context . Historical, Cultural Context & Importance of Words. Literary Genre & Biblical Narrative . Poetry. Prophecy. What is God Doing in the Text?
2. Bible Survey: A Big Screen Perspective (5.5 hrs.) by Bert Downs, D.D. Describing the Elephant. Setting the Compass. Living the Law. Soul Food of the Poets. Will-Power of the Prophets. The Inter-Testamental Period, 400 Not-So-Silent Years. Meet the Many-faceted King, Servant, Man, God. Acts...The Gospel Hits the Road. Life-changing Letters from Old Friends of the Church. The Finish Line is in Sight.
3. What is the Gospel? (5 hrs.) by Marc Cortez, Ph.D. Creation. Sin. God's Faithfulness. Messiah. Atonement. Power of Your Salvation. Gospel for All of Life. Challenges to the Gospel. Communicating the Gospel.
4. Ministering for Maturity (3.5 hrs.) by Bert Downs, D.D. Maturity Focus. Four Evangelical Commitments. Elements of an Effective Model. Maturity's Marks. Roadblocks to Maturity. Seasons & Methods.