



“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.”

2 Timothy 2:2

Biblical / Theological Courses

HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

The study of hermeneutics, how to interpret the Bible is critical. This course presents basic interpretative tools in simple, understandable ways, with an emphasis upon hands-on instruction. The students break out into small groups throughout the course, working with specific passages. Content includes a brief survey of OT and NT, issues of context, background, genre of literature, etc.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Most of the "Two-Thirds-World" needs no argument to prove the existence of spiritual powers and authorities. Some of the ministry practices, however, are often more derived from unbiblical or even cultic activity. We need a strong understanding of the cosmic battle, the presence of God's Kingdom, and a Biblical perspective of the work of the Cross!

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Central to the entire New Testament is a biblical understanding of the Kingdom of God, or the rule and reign of God. With an emphasis upon the Gospel of Matthew, we explore the multiple definitions of the Kingdom, yet still a singular meaning, God's rule and reign in this world, and His promise of a world to come!

PRAYER

Christians intuitively know how to pray. This course examines a theology for prayer, from both the Old and New Testaments, spending the majority of time on Biblical examples / teachings regarding prayer. Intercession, fasting, and praying the Scriptures will be examined.

LAW AND GRACE

An examination of the seeming paradox between the Law of God and His amazing "Grace," this course thematically covers the book of Galatians, and other Scripture to help us understand the relationship between Law and Grace and to diffuse the strong tendency toward legalism.

Pastoral Skills / Development Courses

MENTORING / DISCIPLESHIP

At the heart of our program is the need for mentoring. Each participant is asked to covenant with IMNET and train other national pastors and leaders with this same material. This course covers Biblical examples of mentoring and discipleship and practical examples of how to develop a mentoring relationship.

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

A Godly leader is a servant leader. Taking the participants briefly through several biblical examples of leadership, numerous principles and observations about biblical leadership are expounded and developed.

BIBLICAL PREACHING

This course covers hermeneutics, the study of interpreting the Scriptures, along with an overview of how to communicate God's Word. We look briefly at a survey of the Old and New Testament, and at Homiletic principles of observation, interpretation, and application.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

With a thorough understanding of the Abrahamic covenant in Gen. 12:1-3, we are "blessed" in order to be a blessing to "all nations," we will cover the Biblical basis for missions, brief overview of mission history, and look at the strategic elements and intercultural communication issues.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION / INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The battle that Satan wages against the Church is often from *within* the Church itself. An examination of Biblical principles of interpersonal relationships and practical skills / methods regarding conflict resolution and group leadership issues.

Contemporary / Contextual Issues

CHURCH GROWTH / CELL MINISTRY

Understanding the Biblical / New Testament patterns for both external and internal church growth. Rather than 'technique,' the primary focus is on the growth of the kingdom, God's "harvest" and how to prepare for it. Considerable time is also given to helping the student see the larger body of Christ.

MARRIAGE / FAMILY

The marriage is the primary 'building block' of the Church and of Society. One recurring challenge within much of the "Two Thirds World" is the oppression of women. A biblically based, practical understanding of God's ultimate purpose within the family is ultimately the remedy.

PASTORAL ETHICS

Based loosely upon Richard Foster's book, *Sex, Money, and Power*, this course examines the pastor and church leader's need for personal purity, with emphasis upon the biblical perspective of human sexuality, wealth, and power.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Examining 'community transformation' as a goal of the Church. We will study NT models and practical considerations of working within the existing cultural / social structures in order to see spiritual transformation.

THE CHURCH AND AIDS

This topic is particularly germane to the Church in Africa, where the HIV / AIDS pandemic is literally destroying the continent. The course covers Biblical and ethical issues regarding sexuality, AIDS prevention, and ministry to patients and families.

Marketplace Ministry

BUSINESS / MARKETPLACE CHRISTIANITY & ETHICS

In Business, Christians have the opportunity to speak clearly into the marketplace of ideas. This course will empower you to have new tools and create more together to effect your work place environment for Kingdom of God

MACRO / MICRO ECONOMICS

What are the ways in which Christians can start businesses and provide leadership in the communities where they live? There are patterns for small\big businesses that can impact your country and impact the world of Economics.

ENGLISH AS BUSINESS / SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL / EBL)

ESL is one of the most important outreach ministries of today's church. ESL/EBL Program is to equip the Body of Christ with the most effective tools for teaching and evangelism among non-native English speakers. Bridge of Love is Training teachers to utilizing English, a global language for global outreach all over the world.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Are computers a curse or blessing to you in your ministry or business. Topics covered from Microsoft computer skills, solutions for your office set up. This is "How to Tool's" that will help you be effective from highly skilled Christians that are IT leaders in ministries & industry.

Additional Courses which can be completed at home or at special training times could include, but not limited to:

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| ✝ OT / NT Studies | ✝ Mission issues: Islam, Hinduism, etc. |
| ✝ Biblical Counseling | ✝ Cell Churches |
| ✝ Ephesians, Romans, book studies | ✝ Life of Christ |
| ✝ The Holy Spirit | ✝ The Covenant |

2.2.2. LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Course Descriptions

Many years ago, Psychologist Abraham Maslow said, “If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to treat every person like a nail.” Pastoral training correctly starts with a solid Biblical knowledge and developing skills to understand and apply God’s Word. However, the pastor and church leader spends large portion of time in a vast array of jobs – managing volunteer and paid staff, planning for growth and change, providing counseling, conflict resolution, and working toward community transformation, just to name a few.

It is IMINNET’s desire to see these national church leaders equipped *toward every good work*, and confident in their understanding of God’s Word as well competent in skills and tools to see God’s Church become all that it is destined to be!

Our training can be roughly divided into four areas, though certainly the Bible is central to every course and that understanding of God’s Word finds its watermark within all of these courses.

Biblical / Theological Courses
Pastoral Skills and Development
Contemporary / Contextual Issues
Marketplace Ministry

As our ministry matures and develops, there will be changes, additions and modifications to these courses.

“That the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:17, (English Standard Version)



International Ministries Network's 2.2.2 Leadership School meets for one week, every year for four years. Each participant is expected to meet with a group of other untrained pastors and leaders within his region and teach the same material during that year.

Year 1

Understanding the Bible
Mentoring / Discipleship
Kingdom of God
Spiritual Leadership

Year 2

Biblical Preaching
Marriage / Family
Global Missions
Church & Community

Year 3

Church Planting / Cells
Spiritual Warfare
Law & Grace
Pastoral Ethics

Year 4

Prayer
Conflict Resolution
Contextual Issues

**Marketplace Courses will be taught throughout the four-year cycle.



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