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## **Spiritual Formation – C101**

**April 22, May 6, May 20 & June 3, 2017**

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### **Description and Purpose of the Course**

Spiritual formation is the development of a living, breathing relationship with God, who intentionally created humankind with relational capacity. The purpose of this class is to develop skills that will nurture and aid the growth of the student's lifelong relationship with God. The objective of this class is to produce within the student a life that draws strength and connectedness through the Holy Spirit to enhance his/her own life and touch the lives of others for the glory of Christ.

### **Course Objectives**

Each participant will:

1. Explore models of faith formation and select a model that fits your understanding.
2. Be introduced to one experience in faith formation that includes a variety of formats and exercises.
3. Examine how faith formation can happen in the life of a congregation and how one might design such a process.
4. Come to understand and explain how our own faith formation has occurred by using one of the models presented.

**Please bring the following to each class session:**

- Textbooks
- Good English Translation of the Bible
- Course notebook to keep class notes, handouts, assignments, etc
- Personal journal (may be kept in your course notebook, if desired)
- Writing instruments (or electronic device)
- Completed assignments

**Requirements to Earn Credit**

1. Read assigned texts and do homework preparation for classes.
2. Participant in class exercises in faith formation.
3. Write a final paper which describes how you could use various spiritual formation practices in the life of your congregation.
4. Attend at least 3 class sessions or at least 15 total hours of the classroom experience
5. If absent one class session, earn an excused absence by doing the following:
  - contact the instructor about your absence (preferably before the absence, but at least within 72 hours of the absence)
  - obtain notes from two students who did participate in any class session you missed
  - request a copy of the PowerPoint presentation(s) for the class session you missed in note format (3 slides per page); of course, this only applies if the instructor uses PowerPoint in the class session you missed.
  - complete a special assignment given by your instructor in addition to regular assignments; this is usually an enriching experience that will most likely pertain to the class session the student missed in some way.

**Required Texts**

1. A Spiritual Formation Workbook by James Bryan Smith with Lynda Graybeal. Available on Amazon for \$9.36.
2. The Spirit of the Disciplines: Learning How God Changes Lives. By Dallas Willard. Available on Amazon for \$11.00.

**CLASS SESSION ASSIGNMENTS**

**April 22, 2017 (Session 1)**

1. Read pages 1-56 of Willard book.
2. Read pages 9-36 of Smith book.
3. Explore how persons grow in faith?
4. Experience Sessions one and two in Smith book.

**May 6, 2017 (Session 2)**

1. Read pages 37-50 in Smith book.
2. Read pages 56-156 in Willard book.
3. Explore spiritual disciplines for today.
4. Experience session three and four in Smith book.

## **CLASS SESSION ASSIGNMENTS (continued)**

### **May 20, 2017 (Session 3)**

1. Read pages 156-255 in Willard book
2. Read pages 51-66 in Smith book
3. Explore praying the scriptures.
4. Experience session five and six in Smith book.

### **June 3, 2017 (Session 4)**

1. Read pages 255-266 in Willard book.
2. Read pages 67-80 in Smith book.
3. Explore how to design for faith formation.
4. Experience session seven and eight in Smith book.
5. Turn in all work due to complete the course
6. Evaluation Forms

## **TENTATIVE DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE**

9:00-10:15	Session A
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:45	Session B
11:45-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:45	Session C
1:45-2:00	Break
2:00-3:15	Session D

## **CLASS LOCATIONS**

### **Apr 22, May 6 & Jun 3**

Franklin College  
101 Branigin Blvd  
Franklin, IN 46131  
*Johnson Center for Fine Arts*  
*(Branigin Blvd/Grizzly Dr)*  
South Entrance—1<sup>st</sup> Floor—Rm 104

### **May 20**

To Be Announced