

**XPLORE: FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH
SYLLABUS**

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

What is the Christian faith really all about? Why is my belief system so important? What does the Christian faith teach about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit? What place should the Bible, church, and prayer have in my life?

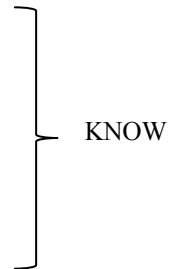
In this class we will explore these and other core questions which are foundational to the Christian faith as well as to understanding your sanctifying walk with Christ. The Holy Spirit will lead you into a greater appreciation of a God, who has done great things to bring you into a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. This class marks the beginning of your Christian education at One Community Church. We are so excited to assist you in developing a plan for your Spiritual Growth.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Cognitive

The Student will demonstrate the ability to:

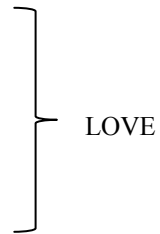
- A. *Comprehend* the role of the Church in their Spiritual Growth
- B. *Understand* the meaning and the necessity of Salvation
- C. *Identify* the key doctrines of the Christian faith.



Affective

Through prayer, meditation and reflection the Student will:

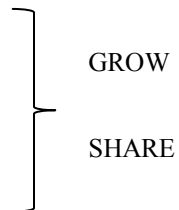
- A. *Value* the atoning work of Christ in their salvation.
- B. *Embrace* the work that lies ahead concerning their Spiritual Growth.
- C. *Appreciate* the importance of a daily prayer life.
- D. *Cherish* the presence of the Holy Spirit as Comforter and Teacher.



Behavioral

Through engagement with the course materials and community, the Student will:

- A. *Create* new Spiritual Disciplines.
- B. *Commit* to fellowshiping in community.
- C. *Share* their faith story with others.



III. COURSE TEXTBOOKS

A. **Required**

Bible (NASB preferred)

Geisler, Norman L. *Essential Doctrine Made Easy*. Torrance: Rose Publishing, Inc., 2007.

B. **Suggested**

Grudem, Wayne A., et al. *Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know*. Zondervan, 2005.

Little, Paul E. *Know What & Why You Believe*. Westmont: InterVarsity Press, 2008.

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to class participation and attendance in the Master Chat Zoom calls, the Student will:

A. **Reading Assignments**

1. The student will read the weekly assigned lessons as scheduled in the syllabus calendar on page 3 (Available online). These lessons correspond to the Master Chats and should be read in accordance with the class schedule described at the end of the syllabus.
2. The student is also required to read the pamphlet; *Essential Doctrine Made Easy* by Norman L. Geisler, which will be provided by the Equipping Center at no charge. The pamphlet will be available online and will serve to help the students understanding of the basic Christian Doctrines.

B. **Media Assignments (movies, music, videos, etc.)**

1. The student will learn the Apostle's Creed as presented in the song *We Believe* by the Newsboys. The link to the lyric video is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtPmX7e_Rpw.
2. Supplemental links to videos will be provided on the Master Class website

V. COURSE POLICIES

A. **Class Participation**

This is an interactive communal learning experience. All students should insert themselves into the flow of the discussion and actively participate in Master Chat discussions. Questions are encouraged and welcomed!

B. Absences

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class. Students are expected to attend every scheduled class session unless they have been excused by the instructor. It is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor in advance, via text/email, if they are unable to attend the scheduled class session.

VI. COURSE LECTURES AND ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

No	DATE	ACTION
1	4/27 MONDAY @ 6P <i>ZOOM CALL</i>	MASTER CHAT INTRODUCTION
2	4/28 -4/30	✓ Do Reading for Lessons 1A &1B
3	5/1 FRIDAY @ 6P <i>ZOOM CALL</i>	MASTER CHAT LESSONS 1A &1B: The Great Disease & The Only Cure
4	5/2 - 5/3	✓ Do Reading for Lessons 2 & 3
5	5/4 MONDAY @ 6P <i>ZOOM CALL</i>	MASTER CHAT LESSONS 2 & 3: Spiritual Growth & Ordinances of the Church
6	5/5 - 5/7	✓ Do Reading for Lesson 4 & 5
7	5/8 FRIDAY @ 6P <i>ZOOM CALL</i>	MASTER CHAT LESSONS 4 & 5: Our Beliefs & Stewardship
8	5/9 - 5/10	✓ Do Reading for Lesson 6 & 7
9	5/11 MONDAY @ 6P <i>ZOOM CALL</i>	MASTER CHAT LESSONS 6 & 7: Spiritual Gifts & Sharing Your Faith