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VENTANA BOOK CLUB

Description

This class consists of several book studies over the course of nine months- each book taught by a different teacher. Students will read books, take notes, and participate in thought-provoking discussion as facilitated by the teacher. Each book will be relevant to the particular service aspect of the ministry at that time or a particular life lesson that can be learned.

Goals

This class is designed to get students familiar with great Christian literature and to use that literature as a study guide into different culturally relevant topics.

- To promote the reading and appreciation of great Christian literature
- To stimulate thought and discussion on the part of the student
- To promote life-changing action based on the lessons learned in each book

Text resources

- Bell, Rob. *Velvet Elvis*. Zondervan, 2005.
- Bridges, Jerry. *Pursuit of Holiness*. NavPress, 2006.
- Tozer, A.W. *Pursuit of God*. Wingspread Publishers
- Brother Lawrence. *Practice of the Presence of God*. Random House, Inc., 1977
- Claiborne, Shane. *The Irresistible Revolution*. Zondervan, 2006.
- Lewis, C.S. *Mere Christianity*. Zondervan, 2001.
- Foster, Richard J. *Celebration of Discipline*. San Francisco: Harpercollins, 1988.
- MacDonald, Gordon. *Ordering Your Private World*. Thomas Nelson, 2002.
- Manning, Brennan. *Ragamuffin Gospel*. Multnomah, 2005.
- McManus, Erwin. *The Barbarian Way*. Thomas Nelson, 2005.
- Packer, J.I. *Knowing God*. Inter-varsity Press, 1993.
- Piper, John. *Don't Waste Your Life*. Crossway Books & Bibles, 2003.
- Willard, Dallas. *Divine Conspiracy*. Harpersanfrancisco, 1998.
- *Fingerprints of God*, Capon Unknown

Class Requirements/Expectations

- Participate in all classroom discussion.
- Read all assigned materials.
- Complete writing assignments.
- Attend all classes unless deathly ill.

Evaluation

There is no college credit, there are no grades, no one passes and no one fails. The sole motivation for attendance and class work should be life effectiveness, through an increase in wisdom. When students come with that singular goal in mind, each one takes home a measure of transformation proportional to his or her individual drive and desire to be more like Christ.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Assignment
Week 1	Celebration of Discipline	Doug VomSteeg
Week 2	Ragamuffin Gospel	Ellen Moore
Week 3		
Week 4		
Week 5		
Week 6		
Week 7		
Week 8		
Week 9		

****All course work is subject to change.