UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2011  
Instructor: Doctor Terrence Crowe  
Course #: THEO 2400  
Sections: 101 and 102  
Course Title: Christian Discipleship

Description:

This course approaches the subject of Christian discipleship primarily by looking at some persons who have modeled and embodied it. That is, we will look into diverse understandings of what is entailed in committed adherence, active support and public witness to the claim that “Jesus Christ is Lord.”

The nature of discipleship is certainly dynamic and can often prove controversial. Disciples are often perceived as signs of contradiction in a culture. We will examine some of the variations in how the term “disciple” is understood. How is the nature of discipleship manifested? What does it mean to say—and mean—that you are a Christian? How do disciples reconcile being both faithful to the message and relevant to their culture?

Our basic approach to these sorts of questions will involve examining some separate and distinct profiles [models] of Christian discipleship, as evidenced in individuals as well as believing communities. This is not intended as a course leading to personal conversion, no altar calls are demanded or expected. We aim towards getting a better understanding of that rather mysterious process by which people who honestly claim Christian belief and practice attempt to live out the implications of the gospel.