

Syllabus for
BECOMING DEACONS
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Writing assignments should be emailed to
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Ten (10) week semester

Required Reading

PRAYER: Finding the Heart's True Home, Richard J. Foster
CELEBRATION of DISCIPLINE: The Path to Spiritual Growth, Richard J. Foster
Text on deacon work TBD

Recommended reading

PRAYER: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God, Timothy Keller
POWER THROUGH PRAYER, E. M. Bounds
THE SPIRIT OF THE DISCIPLINES: Understanding How God Changes Lives, Dallas Willard
HEARING GOD: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God, Dallas Willard
FRESH WIND, FRESH FIRE, Jim Cymbala, Dean Merrill

Learning Objectives:

- To understand the role and work of Deacon and Deaconess
- To learn and practice habits and disciplines of transforming Disciples
- To begin to practice the role of Deacon and Deaconess
- To begin to practice writing and presenting position papers
- To have a sufficient understanding of the Biblical role of Deacon and Deaconess
- To discuss the reading

SCHEDULE

CLASS 1 February 11, 2021
Introduction to role of Deacon and Deaconess

In class Assignment:

Read Acts 6-8

Discuss the role and value of deacons in the church.

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13

Discuss the importance of qualifications for elders and deacons.

Discuss the different roles of elders and deacons and pastors

CLASS 2 February 18, 2021

Assignment:

Read PRAYER, Richard J. Foster Chapters 1-7

Write 250-500 words describing your prayer life and your desired prayer life.

Write 250-500 words discussing helpful or questionable ideas from the reading.

Research for best practices regarding handling conflict in the church. Read Matthew 18:15-20

Write 250-500 words suggesting good practices for CACC

CLASS 3 February 25, 2021

Our Prayer Life Part 2

Assignment

Read PRAYER, Richard J. Foster Chapters 8-14

Write 250-500 words describing how the reading is affecting your prayer life.

Write 250-500 words discussing helpful or questionable ideas from the reading

Research for best practices for deacons ministering to the sick and shut in.
Write 250-500 words describing best practices for CACC

CLASS 4 March 4, 2021
Our Prayer Life Part 3

Assignment

Read PRAYER, Richard J. Foster Chapters 15-21

Write 250-500 words describing how the reading is affecting your prayer life.
500 words discussing helpful or questionable ideas from the reading.

Write 250-

Research for best practices regarding greeting and hospitality practiced by the church.
Write 250-500 words suggesting good practices for CACC

CLASS 5 March 11, 2021
Our Inward Disciplines

Assignment

Read CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE, Richard J. Foster Chapters 1-5

Write 250-500 words about which "Inward Disciplines" you have practiced and need to practice.

Research for best practices in ministering to the poor

Write 250-500 words describing what should be CACC practice for ministering to the poor.

CLASS 6 March 18, 2021
Our Outward Disciplines

Assignment

Read CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE, Richard J. Foster Chapters 6-9

Write 250-500 words about which "Outward Disciplines" you have practiced and need to practice.

Research for best practices regarding church membership care.

Write 250-500 words suggesting good practices for CACC

CLASS 7 March 26, 2021
The Corporate Disciplines

Assignment

Read CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE, Richard J. Foster Chapters 10-13

Write 250-500 words about which "Corporate Disciplines" you have practiced and need to practice.

Research for best practices for handling money in the church

Write 250-500 words describing best practices for CACC handling money.

CLASS 8 April 1, 2021
DEACON DUTIES

Assignment:

Read text TBD

Write 250-500 words about TBD

Research for best practices for managing facilities of the church

Write 250-500 words describing best practices for CACC.

**CLASS 9 April 8, 2021
DEACON DUTIES**

Assignment:

Read text TBD

Write 250-500 words about TBD

Research for best practices for making disciples

Write 250-500 words describing best practices for CACC.

**CLASS10 April 15, 2021
DEACON DUTIES**

Meal

Communion

Discuss learnings

Apply learning

Pray