

Doers Course Syllabus

Teacher: Aaron Copeland

Begins Sept 8th, Sundays 8:30-9:45 AM, Room #109

<https://golocalchurch.com/doers/>

See “Doers Class” on Podbean Podcast App (for iOS and Android) for audio recordings

Class Description

This is a 3-year, through-the-Bible Sunday school study, fellowship, and ministry. Soaked in the Bible, the Holy Spirit will significantly transform you and the group for the doing of God’s work. The hope is that in our doing, relationships will be created leaving behind treasured memories to last into eternity. The amount of love we share for each other is our final statement about our faith.

This is not a typical class where students come and are spoon-fed from Scripture, study books, or videos. This class is meant to make disciples by developing everyday habits and equipping believers with the tools they need to grow spiritually, to minister to others, and to live a life that glorifies God.

Student Invitation

This class is open to students, ranging from 18 years old to senior saints, who are willing to be stretched in their spiritual growth and into the doing of the Word for the glory of God. Along those lines, we are inviting those that will be committed to daily Bible study and regular church ministry (of their choice) to participate in the class. This class can be joined at any time.

Three-year Objectives

- *Gain a deeper understanding about God and His Sword.*
 - Become better hearers of the weekly preaching in our local church
 - Develop and discern a proper theological language.
 - Understand why the Bible requires proper interpretation.
 - Understand the doctrine of the perspicuity (clarity) of Scripture.
 - Explain the inspiration, canonization, transmission, and translation of Scripture.
 - Gain awareness in OT and NT historical, cultural, and religious backgrounds.
 - Increase understanding of the overall story of the Bible.
 - Understand theological perspectives concerning the local church, missions, spiritual growth, ethics, and apologetics
- *Gain experience glorifying God by handling His Sword.*
 - Practice the science of biblical interpretation and allow the Holy Spirit to apply biblical truth
 - Build strong bonds with other class members encouraging each other to love and good deeds
 - Practice teaching Scripture
 - Practice counseling with Scripture
 - Practice unity on matters of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd order importance through “theological triage.”
- *Encourage spiritual growth and usefulness in the local church.*
 - Allow the Scriptures to transform the student and compel them into wise obedience.
 - Develop tight bonds with other class members by having fellowship and ministry activities outside of normal class times.
 - Gain a deeper understanding of Jesus, the local church, the role of members, and doctrine.

- Develop a habit of being in the Scriptures and in prayer daily
- Develop a habit of regular service through the local church
- Develop a habit of evangelism and disciple-making

Learning Outcomes

To make disciples... who make disciples here and everywhere for the glory of God. Based on God's promises, this class guarantees spiritual growth in all students who commit to knowing God better by being diligent in the Word and in their service to the church. Students will also learn to live corporately rather than individually.

Class Commitments and Structure

Student Commitments

- Perform all daily Bible readings before class (see "Doers Quarterly Schedule").
- Perform regular church ministry (see "Doers Ministry Signup" & "Ministry Directory").
- One student per class period will give a short 5-10 min study on a prescribed passage from the weekly reading (see "Doers Bible Study Signup and Worksheets").
- Learn to discuss the Gospel and the need for it.
- Learn to discuss their church ministry and their spiritual gifting.
- Participate in class sessions with a teachable, sincere and enthusiastic attitude.
- Show the highest level of respect and honor to the instructor and fellow classmates.
- Exercise the highest level of integrity and Christ-likeness.

Note: There will be a 10-minute time for directed discussion in every class. The joy of a group Bible study comes from the fellowship with the Spirit in His Word that we share together. Because of that, only those who have accomplished their weekly reading will be allowed to participate in the discussion. If you know you haven't finished the entire reading for that week, please respect the fellowship of those that have, yet please continue to attend class for your own learning and encouragement to get back in the race for the following week.

Teacher Commitments

- Pray weekly for every student
- Be fully prepared for every class and providing any student feedback in a timely manner.
- Live out a godly example for the class.
- Instruct just enough, and no more, for students to be able to put their knowledge, skills, responsibilities, and creativity into practice.
- Stretch students out of their comfort zones.
- Observe and consider the students
 - Gain understanding of individual and class needs
 - Encourage, guide, or correct students as necessary to make them more effective

Class Time Schedule (1hr 15mins @ 50 classes per year)

- (8:30-8:35 / 5 mins): Announcements from Class Coordinator
 - (8:35-8:45 / 10 mins): Student led prayer and Bible study
 - Lead class in opening prayer.
 - Give biblical exposition – Effectively communicate biblical interpretation and application of the Scriptures.
 - Use “Doers Bible Study Worksheet” to practice interpretation skills.
 - (8:45-9:05 / 20 mins): Engage previous week’s reading
 - 10-min discussion (please be concise and allow others to speak)
 - 10-min teaching
 - (9:05-9:15 / 10 mins): Introduce following week’s reading
 - (9:15-10:45 / 30 mins): Special topic teaching†
- † Short series intensives from the broader fields of theology, the church, and missions.

Textbooks

Required Texts

- Study Bible (KJV, NKJV, ESV, HCSB, CSB, or NASB only)
- *The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook* by Duvall and Hayes (Baker, 2011)
- *The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary* by Longman III (Baker, 2013)
- *Interlinear Bible* – Free Online
<https://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/>
- *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge* – Free Online
<https://www.biblestudytools.com/concordances/treasury-of-scripture-knowledge/>
- *Nave’s Topical Bible* – Free Online
<https://www.biblestudytools.com/concordances/naves-topical-bible/>

Recommended Texts

- *Grasping God’s Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible* by Duvall and Hayes (Zondervan, 2012)

Contact Information

Always feel free to contact the teacher or the class coordinators by phone, text, or email at any time.

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