

CORE TRACK OVERVIEW

2021-2022 Class Schedule

September 8 Introduce Core Track Syllabus, reading, and assignments
Teacher: Autumn Gardner

UNIT 1: GOSPEL VISION FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

September 15 Gospel-Centrality and Major Doctrines
Reading: *Center Church: Gospel* (pp. 27-85)
Assignment due 9/22: Explain the gospel in one page, one paragraph, and one sentence.
Teacher: Dave Morlan

September 22 The Local Church as Mission
Reading: *Center Church: City* (pp. 89-132)
Teacher: Dave Morlan

September 29 Contextualization
Reading: *Center Church: City* (pp. 135-179)
Assignment due 10/6: Worldview Exercise - Explore your own distinctive values or biases by reflecting on your family, hometown, nation, race, religious upbringing, socioeconomic status, etc. How do these affect the way you communicate truth and how can awareness of cultural bias change the way you communicate biblical themes? Document answers in two pages or less.
Teacher: Dave Morlan

October 6 Mile High Ministries Neighborhood Walk with Jeff Johnsen
Teacher: Jeff Johnsen

October 13 [Break from Core Track](#)
Note: FDC Interns attend Acts 29 US West Conference; all other Core Track participants have the week off of class

October 20 Values and Habits
Reading: *Center Church: City* (pp. 181-247)
Assignment due 10/27: Write out a vision statement, mission statement, values, and beliefs for a church or ministry you currently lead or would desire to lead.
Teacher: Autumn Gardner

UNIT 2: LEADERSHIP AS CHARACTER FORMATION

October 27 Biblical Leadership as Sanctification
Reading: *The Leader's Journey* (Intro-p. 25)
Assignment due 11/3: Create a Personal Rule of Life
Teacher: Dave Morlan

- November 3 Spiritual Disciplines
Reading: *The Leader's Journey* (pp. 29-84)
Assignment due 11/10: StrengthsFinder
Teacher: Autumn Gardner
- November 10 Discerning Your Call
Reading: *The Leader's Journey* (pp. 87-126)
Teacher: Michael Goldstein
- November 17 Spiritual Community for Leaders
Reading: *The Leader's Journey* (pp. 129-155)
Assignment due 12/1: Self-reflection exercise from *Gospel Eldership* Chapter 1
Teacher: Dave Morlan, Michael Goldstein, Autumn Gardner discuss exercise as illustrative teaching & example
- November 24 [Thanksgiving Break](#)

UNIT 3: ECCLESIOLOGY

- December 1 Church Structure and Membership
Reading: *You Are What You Love* (pp. 1-55)
Teacher: Dave Morlan
- December 8 Biblical Theology of Family
Reading: *You Are What You Love* (pp. 57-110) & *The Bulletin of Ecclesial Theology* by Dr. Morlan
Teacher: Michael Goldstein
- December 12-January 8 [All-Student Winter Break](#)
Reading: *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson
- January 12 Sunday Liturgical Vision
Assignment due 1/19: Evaluate a Sunday Service and break down the implied theology
Teacher: Adam Anglin

UNIT 4: TEACHING AND PREACHING

- January 19 Exegesis
Reading: *Biblical Preaching* (pp. 1-46)
Assignment due 1/26: Acts 1:8 Observation exercise & Select text for teaching outline
Teacher: Hunter Beaumont
- January 26 Interpretation and Contextualization
Reading: *Biblical Preaching* (pp. 47-76)
Assignment due 1/27: Determine the historical meaning, theological meaning, and Christological meaning of your selected text
Teacher: Dave Morlan

February 2 Application in Teaching and Workshop Outlines
Reading: *Biblical Preaching* (pp. 77-134)
Assignment due 2/9 or 2/16: Prepare outline for presentation in class
Teacher: Michael Goldstein

February 9 Delivery & Feedback: Prepare and Present Outline Group One
Reading: *Biblical Preaching* (pp. 135-165)
Teacher: Michael Goldstein, Dave Morlan, Autumn Gardner

February 16 Delivery & Feedback: Prepare and Present Outline Group Two
Teacher: Michael Goldstein, Dave Morlan, Autumn Gardner

UNIT 5: JUSTICE AND MERCY

February 23 Biblical Theology of Race & Justice
Reading: *Generous Justice* (pp. 1-61), *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (pp. 1-64)
Assignment due 3/2: Utilizing the methodology presented by Dave in class on 2/23, write a two-page paper on a significant current cultural justice issue in Denver and a theological approach to understanding and addressing it.
Teacher: Dave Morlan

March 2 Racial Reconciliation
Reading: *Generous Justice* (pp. 62-147), *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (pp. 65-166)
Teacher: Pastor Larry Philips-Thomas, The Connection Church

March 9 Generosity & Justice
Reading: *Generous Justice* (pp. 148-177)
Teacher: Hunter Beaumont

UNIT 6: MISSION

March 16 Gospel Ministry in Denver
Reading: Watch D.A. Carson videos from FDC event
Assignment due 3/23: Religious survey
Teacher: Caleb Davis

March 23 The Holy Spirit and Mission
Reading: TBD, *A Public Missiology* or ???
Assignment: Holy Spirit Walk & Listen to selected *This Cultural Moment* episodes
Teacher: Dave Morlan

March 30 [Spring Break](#)

April 6 Church Planting and Movement Dynamics
Reading: *Center Church* (pp. 337-377)
Teacher: Dave Morlan

April 13 Theology of Work
Reading: Selected content from scatter.org
Teacher: Joanna Meyer

UNIT 7: STRATEGIC MINISTRY

April 20 Managing Money and Time
Reading: *Living Forward* (pp. 1-67)
Teacher: Hunter Beaumont

April 27 Building Ministry From Vision
Reading: *Living Forward* (pp. 69-167)
Assignment due 5/4: Write a life plan based on the exercise at the end of *Living Forward*
Teacher: Dave Morlan

May 4 Building Systems that will Nourish People
Reading: *The Trellis and the Vine* (pp. 7-59)
Assignment due 5/11: Write a plan (minimum of two pages) detailing the beginning of a new, organizationally centralized, ministry area for the church you currently lead or wish to lead including a budget and calendar.
Teacher: Autumn Gardner

May 11 Building and Leading Teams
Reading: *The Trellis and the Vine* (pp. 61-91)
Assignment due 5/18: Create a Volunteer Care / Volunteer Investment Plan
Teacher: Adam Anglin

May 18 Summarize Core Track Outcomes & Celebrate | Thick Skin Day