

THE GOSPEL & *The Preacher*

STUDENT GUIDELINES

Spring 2020

ENROLLMENT

Anyone desiring to enroll in the *The Gospel and the Preacher* Bible School course can sign up in the ERC foyer. Registration information is available in the ERC foyer and also online at www.gpbibleschool.org. Application forms and tuition payments should be submitted to:

Eagle Rock Church

Attn: G&P Registration
6810 Blacklick-Eastern Road,
Pickerington, OH 43147

Applications must be received by February 26, 2020. Tuition payments must be received by March 7, 2020.

ONSITE CLASSES

Onsite classes will be held on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Eagle Rock Church beginning March 7, 2020 through May 19, 2018. All onsite students will be given access to the GP Portal where they can review videos from their class sessions. All students are required to attend the graduation ceremony at Eagle Rock Church on Sunday evening, June 7, 2020.

There will be several events throughout the course to encourage students, provide opportunities for fellowship, internalizing the information, and connecting with the Gospel and The Preacher staff. These events will begin at 8:00 am and will end at 8:50 am to give students time to transition to their classes. These events are all voluntary.

TUITION

Tuition for the Bible School course is \$150 per person. The tuition must be paid in full by Saturday, March 3, 2020 in order to attend the classes. Tuition is nonrefundable. Payment plans are available, please contact the Gospel and The Preacher Bible School for more information staff@gpbibleschool.org.

PARTICIPATION METHOD

Before the course start date, it is important for you to decide which participation method works best for you. Students who sign up to take classes onsite must continue taking classes onsite throughout the course. Students who sign up to take classes online must continue taking classes online throughout

the course. Students are not permitted for any reason to switch from onsite to online or from online to onsite at any point once the course has started.

CHILDCARE

The Bible School does not provide childcare for students on the premises. Students are not permitted to bring their children, with or without a childcare provider, to school with them. Parents are responsible for making arrangements for any necessary childcare prior to attending classes.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be taken throughout the Bible School course using a weekly sign-in sheet. Students are expected to stay for the entire 3-hour class (sessions 1 and 2) each week. If onsite students miss a Saturday, they can go online to get information, view the videos, and complete the assignment. When students need to miss, they must send an email to staff@gpbibleschool.org indicating that they are going to make-up the class online. Students can make-up a missed class a maximum of two times before it counts as an absence.

A student will become disqualified from receiving a Certificate of Completion if he/she has more than two absences. In such cases, the student can continue to attend classes but will not be issued a Certificate of Completion and tuition will not be refunded. No excuses will be taken into consideration. *(Note for Online: Specific requirements for online students are included on Page 7 of the Student Guidelines.)*

TARDINESS

Classes will commence at 9:00 AM on Saturday mornings. Any student arriving after 9:00 AM will be considered tardy, and any student arriving more than 30 minutes late or leaving more than 30 minutes early will be considered absent. Students must also be on time for the second session of class, after the break between sessions. Students not in their seats at the start of the second session will be considered tardy. A student will become disqualified from receiving a Certificate of Completion if he/she is tardy more than three times. In such cases, a student may continue to attend classes but will not be issued a Certificate of Completion and tuition will not be refunded.

ASSIGNMENTS

Various assignments will be issued by the instructors of the Bible School course. If a student is absent from a class, it will be the student's responsibility to log into the GP Portal to view the video of the class missed and obtain the class assignment. In the case of absences, the student must still submit any homework assignments on or before the day of class. They can email their homework to staff@gpbibleschool.org with the subject line "Completed Homework due to Absence." Half credit will

be given for written assignments turned in one week late. No credit will be given for written assignments turned in after one week late. No credit will be given for late reading assignments. Reading assignments must be completed in entirety in order to receive credit; no partial credit will be given for reading assignments that are only partially completed. Married couples are not permitted to complete their assignments collectively; each spouse must individually complete his or her own assignments.

All assignments are to be submitted on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper. Please do not use paper from a spiral notebook. Any assignments not on this size paper will be returned and have to be resubmitted on the correct size with points docked for late submission. Papers that are handwritten are to be no less than 2 full pages. Papers that are typed are to be no less than one full page.

The final exam will be given during the designated class time in week 12. No make-up dates are allowed. A passing homework grade, a passing final exam grade, and completion of all public preaching assignments are requirements for receiving Certificate of Completion.

DRESS CODE

Women: “Business casual” dress will be the general guideline. Skirts, slacks, leggings and jeans are acceptable, however jeans must be clean, hemmed with no rips or tears and cannot be tight. If wearing leggings, the shirt must be a tunic style, covering both front and back of mid-section and upper thigh completely. Skirt lengths should be modest and in good taste (not more than one inch above the knee). No tight clothing or low necklines are permitted. No sweatshirts or t-shirts are permitted.

Men: “Business casual” dress will be the general guideline. Docker-type pants and jeans with a polo or button-down shirt are acceptable, however jeans must be clean, hemmed with no rips or tears and cannot be tight. Collared and/or button-down shirts are to be tucked in at all times. Sweaters and tunic-style tops can lay over your pants. No sweatshirts or t-shirts are permitted. Belts must be worn at all times. Facial hair should be kept neat and trimmed.

Shoes: Shoes should correspond to clothes worn (dress shoes or loafers for men; dress shoes, pumps or dressy sandals for women). Sneakers or flip-flops are not permitted.

STUDENT CODE OF HONOR

All students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner reflecting and representing the Character of Christ at all times. This includes, but is not limited to legal, ethical and moral conduct that is explicitly defined in scripture. Violations of the Student Code of Honor include tobacco use, illegal

drug use, drinking alcoholic beverages, sexual misconduct (including adultery, fornication, and homosexual behavior), viewing of any pornographic materials, verbal or physical abuse, disrespect for authority, and academic dishonesty of any sort, including but not limited to lying, cheating and plagiarism. Any violation of the Student Code of Honor is cause for immediate dismissal. Tuition will not be refunded.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

A Certificate of Completion will only be given to those who successfully complete the requirements of the course. It signifies that you have pressed into the things of God, submitted to the purposeful requirements given by leadership, and allowed the Holy Spirit to shape and mold you during this season of transformation and consecration. If you are unable to meet the requirements for a Certificate of Completion, you may continue to attend classes, but you will not be issued a Certificate of Completion and tuition will not be refunded.

PURPOSE FOR SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

These guidelines are for the purpose of establishing Godly values and disciplines in your life and the means of attaining a spirit of excellence. Our goal is to remove all excuses and mindsets that leave room for excuses in our lives. What we make excuses for will result in us no longer placing value in the things of the kingdom of God. What we become familiar with and lose value in will ultimately leave our lives. However, what we sacrifice for will be highly valued, and what we highly value in the Kingdom of God will increase our capacity to receive more from God! Remember the parable of the Pearl of Great Price:

Matthew 13:45,46 (NIV) *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”*

This is an excellent opportunity to “*sell-out*” for the best that God desires for you! Let’s place great value in all that is within His kingdom and get it into your possession!

ONLINE CLASSES

The online course will begin on March 9, 2020 through May 25, 2020. All online students will be assigned an advisor who will provide support for them through the duration of the course. All online students will be given access to the GP Portal where they will watch videos, receive and submit homework assignments, and track their grades. Online students are invited to attend the graduation ceremony at Eagle Rock Church on Sunday evening, June 7, 2020.

Online students may attend the onsite classes as a guest. They are still responsible for completing their work as an online student.

GUIDELINES FOR ONLINE STUDENTS

Students desiring to complete the online Bible School course will have specific requirements to accommodate online participation. All online students are required to follow the same academic guidelines and code of honor as classroom students.

ONLINE STUDENT ADVISOR

An advisor will be assigned to each online student. Student advisors will be the primary contact person for the student and the liaison between the administration of the Bible School course and the student. All assignments, questions, etc. are to be submitted to the student advisor, who will in turn grade and return assignments and answer questions.

ACCESS TO ONLINE SESSIONS

The video stream of each week's class will be available on the website for a seven-day period beginning Monday, March 9, which is the same day that the online class begins. After midnight on Friday, the video stream will no longer be available. Within that week, online students must view the class and submit their homework to their student adviser by midnight on Sunday of the weekend following the video postdate. The video streams should only be viewed by students currently enrolled in The Gospel and the Preacher online course.

ONLINE ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments are to be completed and submitted electronically to the student by midnight on Sunday of the weekend following the video postdate. All requirements found in the "Assignments" section on Page 2 of the Student Guidelines pertain to online students, as well.

For public preaching assignments, online students must either come to Eagle Rock Church to preach or send a DVD of their 5-minute message preached in their own church. Online students must take the final exam during a designated 3-hour period in week 12.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

A high-speed internet connection is required in order avoid technical problems and buffering while viewing the online video streams. Each online student will be assigned a username and password for accessing the video streams. It is the student's responsibility to test his/her login prior to the first day of class in order to ensure successful login.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- dual core or quad core processor of 2.0 GHz or faster
- current anti-virus application
- 4 GB RAM or greater
- 100 GB hard drive or larger
- broadband Internet connection
- Monitor and video card with 1024x768 ppi or greater resolution
- sound card with speakers
- Inkjet or laser printer (optional)
- email address
- The latest version of Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox
- Adobe® Reader® DC
- Microsoft® Office 2010 or later