

Sophomore & Junior Bible Class Syllabus

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I will try my best to talk with you about your spiritual experience, about being baptized, and about your questions. I pray that you and I leave this class with a relationship with Jesus that is stronger than it is right now. Be honest with me; how is your spiritual life going and how is this class doing? I am truly excited about learning with you while we study the wonderful book of Romans!

The Purpose of this class is to help you be ready now for the soon return of Jesus Christ by understanding God's Word and applying it in your life.

Class Overview

Quarter 1 - Book of Romans - We will study the whole plan of salvation revealed by God through Paul to the believers in Rome. Many consider this letter to be the deepest book in all of Scripture. Its message has radically changed the lives of millions throughout history. God can make the powerful message of the Gospel transform your life as well. We will learn a process of Bible annotation to assist us in our study. We will learn the elements of the Gospel and practice giving a Gospel presentation to those who need this life-changing truth.

Quarter 2 - Book of Acts - We will study the work of the Holy Spirit through the disciples who walked with Jesus. We will identify in their actions patterns that God wants us to follow today. We will look at ministry in the context of our modern world's needs, including evangelism, missionary service, medical missionary, personal evangelism and giving Bible studies

Quarter 3 - Book of Daniel - We will study the conflicts God's children face by looking at the life and prophecies of Daniel. We will practice using Bible study tools that will help us to understand the purpose of God's Word for us today.

Quarter 4 - Book of Revelation - God does not want us to be surprised by anything that He does or anything that we face in the world. God's prophetic messages give us assurance that by walking with Jesus, there is nothing to fear. Through our study of the book of Revelation, we will put the messages of the book into practice in our life so that God can lead us to live a life of victory over sin.

Required Materials

We will use the Bible as our daily textbook. Please bring a Bible of your own to class. While we will be using the New King James Version in many of our class study activities, you are welcome and invited to bring any Bible translation that you can read and understand.

Technology

Class materials and assignments will be posted on Google Classroom.

Please do not bring cellphones to class.

Grading Scale

Grading will follow this pattern: B=80-82%, B+=83-86, B=87-89

Assignment Categories

On the one hand, Bible should be a class that anyone can be successful in; it should not "defeat" you. On the other hand, of all the subjects worth our deep study, our academic rigor and our hardest work, Bible is the one. With that in mind, I have made attendance and participation a very large part of the grade so that everyone can have a very strong head start toward the best possible academic grade. Still, everyone needs to put forward *some* effort, so anyone who completes even a little bit of the assigned homework (work that is intended to send you to the Bible for study and prayer), will earn at least a passing grade. For those who want to work harder and

dig deeper, there will be fair and reasonable assignments for all who want to earn an A.

45% - *Attendance and Participation* -

55% - *Classwork and Homework* - Each of the 4 quarters will have different methods of study. Within this 55% portion of the grade will be a variety of projects and/or assignments to complete.

Homework Policy

Late work—will earn 80% credit. The reason for this is that you will have the best opportunity to understand the chapters we study if you read and respond to them before we talk about them in class. Even if you don't read them in advance though, I don't want you to be discouraged from completing the work, so you can still earn 80%.

Late work is not accepted in the last week of the quarter.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is required. Do not ask to leave early.

Poor attendance & participation will be dealt with individually.

If you miss class your grade will potentially be affected because you will also miss out on irreplaceable spiritual, academic, and learning experiences.

Unplanned absences (sickness, etc.) may be excused only with a note from the office by the next class when we meet. If possible, notify the instructor of your absence. Check in with your instructor about due dates or make-up time.

Planned absences (doctors appointments, trips, games) may be excused only with a note from the office *before* you leave. You must turn in work due *before* you leave to earn full credit.

Tardies *may* be excused with a note from the office or a teacher on the day you are tardy.

An absence, tardiness or early departure may be excused if due to personal illness, illness or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, quarantine, required court appearances, infectious disease.

An absence, tardiness or early departure is considered unexcused if the reason for the lack of attendance does not fall into the above categories.