

SOPAS III Class Synopses

MINISTERIAL FORMATION:

Pastoral Leadership Development III

Mark Menke and Elias Rodriguez, CBL Instructors

Jesus called His church to "go and make disciples." This class discusses the identity of a disciple, the cost of discipleship, and the church's work of helping people become growing followers of Jesus Christ. We outline a plan for mentoring believers and new ministers in the local church. Finally, we discuss key leadership issues such as integrity and accountability, pastoral family issues, and succession planning.

ECCLESIAL FORMATION:

A Continuing Study of the Church's Being, Presence and Mission

Adrian L. Varlack, Sr. CBL Instructor/Church Historian

A continuing Study of the Church's Identity (Being and Presence), Mission, and Practical Operations in the world, as they relate generally to the Christian Church in its broader historical context, and to the Church of God of Prophecy in its place within that wider context.

THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES:

The Hermeneutical Circle, Triune God, The Kingdom of God and the Church, A Hermeneutics of Discernment

This class will explore several theological subjects beginning with the Hermeneutical Circle, which helps us understand how we learn, interpret and apply God's revelation through His Word. The subject of the Triune God immerses us in appreciating the nature of God and our experience of God who is "all in all." Also, the relationship between the Kingdom of God and the Church is explored, along with the vital issue of discernment as it applies to the operation of the spiritual gifts and the teaching of controversial doctrines such as "prosperity gospel" and "deliverance." Fourth Term: The curriculum for fourth term is under consideration.

The REQUIRED READING ASSIGNMENT for Third Term will be the following:
Pray, Then Preach, by Edward McKendree Bounds