

Bethel School of Discipleship

Thank you so much for your interest in Bethel School of Discipleship.
The following pages provide program and track details.

Bethel School of Discipleship exists to strengthen your faith and equip you to make disciples.

BSD is a recurring one-year program from January to November, with August off.

BSD courses are offered in three independent tracks: Personal Growth**,** Ministry, and Bible.

People may join at the beginning of any track.

Upcoming Tracks

Personal Growth: January – May 2027

Ministry: June – July 2027

Bible: September – November 2027

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BSD Program Details

1. **Classes**
   - Before attending class, students should listen to the lesson's teaching online.
   - Classes meet at Bethel to discuss the lessons.
   - The Systematic Theology, Personal Growth, and Bible tracks cover one lesson per week.
   - The Ministry Track covers two lessons per week during June and July.
   - Course audios and notes are available at https://bethelworld.org/equip/
     - Scroll down to "Bethel School of Discipleship." Click the appropriate track.
   - Absences: please inform the BSD administrator.

2. **Homework**
   - Homework should be completed before attending the discussion class.
   - Homework is ungraded. Students report completed homework on the honor system via email to BSD. This may be done when emailing a completed course assessment.

3. **Course Assessments**
   - An assessment (test) is taken at the end of most courses and provided via email by BSD.
   - The assessments are learning tools that require students to review the course notes.
   - Students not getting 70% correct will need to retake the assessment. Students may retake the same assessment multiple times.

4. **Honors**
   - Each Track has optional Honors assignments.
   - Details for each honors track appear further below.

5. **Track Completion Checklist**
   - Listen to the lesson recordings for the appropriate track.
   - Complete the homework for each lesson.
   - Obtain 70% or higher on the course assessments.

6. **Graduation Checklist**
    - Complete all steps for each track's completion checklist.
    - Participate in one outreach or evangelistic event (e.g., Bethel outreach events, mission trips, God-Testing).
    - Complete the graduation survey.
    - Be a member of Bethel or a local church.
    - Attend Experiencing Spiritual Freedom.
    - Complete the Purple Book.
    - Note: Students completing the honors requirements and the regular coursework will receive a certificate with "honors."

7. **Registration**
    - Students should register before the first class of any BSD track.
    - Exceptions may allow students to join later. Please contact the BSD administrator.

8. **Materials Fee**
    - Due at registration per track. Exception: One may audit one session before registering.
    - $25 per track; $15 for seniors (65+), students, single parents with children at home, and spouses of students who enroll at the full fee.

9. **Refunds**
    - To qualify, provide the administrator written notice (email) of your withdrawal.
    - Full refund: notice must be sent before the second class.
    - 50% refund: notice must be sent before the end of the first course.
    - No refunds thereafter.

10. **Contact Information**
    - Director of Bethel Equip: Pastor Bruce Fidler
    - Assistant Director: Krishon Henderson
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Systematic Theology (3 lessons)
Life of Faith (4 lessons)
Personal Transformation (4 lessons)
Spiritual Gifts (4 lessons)

Personal Growth Track – Course Descriptions

Systematic Theology (1-3)
This partial course concisely teaches students three major doctrines of systematic theology: God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The lessons aim to solidify every student's understanding of the triune God. The remaining lessons (4-6) are available as an Honors option for the Bible track.

The Life of Faith
This course provides students with biblical teaching on various topics related to faith, including salvation by faith, the gift of faith, and the fruit of faith. The lessons encourage students to trust God and live by faith.

Personal Transformation
This course teaches students major biblical principles that help produce God-honoring transformation in a believer's life. The lessons guide students to practically apply these principles and cooperate with the Holy Spirit in the sanctification process.

Spiritual Gifts
This course helps students increase their understanding and dependency on the Holy Spirit's person and ministry, as expressed in spiritual gifts. The lessons introduce students to the functions of different spiritual gifts and their expression in the church.

Optional Honors Requirement
Record journal entries for 12 of the 16 weeks. Bethel Equip provides a journal to use.



Discipleship (4 lessons)
Evangelism (4 lessons)
Leadership (4 lessons)
Life Groups (3 lessons)

Ministry Track – Course Descriptions

Discipleship
This course equips students to become effective in helping others follow Jesus by cultivating a lifestyle of discipleship. The lessons train students to establish new believers in the faith, equip them to reach others, and empower them to make disciples.

Evangelism
This course motivates students to share the gospel and equips them with practical methods and tools. The lessons aim to increase each student's compassion for the lost, passion for communicating the gospel to others, and skill in doing so.

Servant Leadership
This course helps students grow in their leadership capacity and ability by focusing on a biblical view of leadership. The lessons direct students to focus on foundational leadership principles and a leader's character and competencies.

Life Groups
This course trains students to effectively start and lead a small discipleship group centered on Jesus. The lessons provide students biblical principles and practical guidance for starting a new small group (Life Group).

Optional Honors Requirement
Read *The Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert Coleman. Equip provides a free PDF copy.



Biblical Metanarrative (4 lessons)
Old Testament Survey (4 lessons)
New Testament Survey (4 lessons)

Bible Track – Course Descriptions

Biblical Metanarrative
This course provides students with an overview of the grand story of God's redemptive plan for humanity and our world. The lessons help students understand God's original purpose for humanity, human rebellion, and God's purposes for Israel, Jesus, and the church.

Old Testament Survey
This course provides students with a general overview of the Old Testament. The lessons help students better understand the Pentateuch, the historical books, the wisdom literature, and the prophetic books so that they can appreciate each book's relevance to God's overall plan.

New Testament Survey
This course provides students with a general overview of the New Testament, focusing on the historical background, core content, and central theological ideas of many books. The lessons help students better understand these books and effectively apply their content to their lives.

Optional Honors Requirement
Complete Systematic Theology 4-6 (Salvation, The Church, Eschatology), including the homework. See "Supplemental Teaching" at the bottom of https://bethelworld.org/equip/.