



SWM Course Overview

Course 1: Recapturing God's Global Vision for Women January 21, 2023

Instructor: Christa Eisbrenner: SWM Dean

Teaching Objectives:

- Present an overview of the landscape of women in the 21st century and questions leaders need to be asking.
- Present God's original vision and calling for his daughters and what it means for women today.
- Present God's kingdom strategy for women as part of a Blessed Alliance.

Learning Outcomes:

- To gain a better understanding of the state of women in today's world and God's calling on all his daughters, and to ask the right questions in formulating a theology of women.
- To gain a deeper understanding of what it means for a woman to be God's image bearer.
- To understand the depth and truth of God's vision and calling for his daughters.

Course 2: Biblical Literacy March 4, 2023

Instructor: Cynthia Westfall: Associate Professor of New Testament at McMaster Divinity College

Teaching Objectives:

- Understand the importance of good exegetical and hermeneutical study of the Bible for women as women, as leaders, and as students.
- Teach how to study the Bible using good exegetical and hermeneutical practices.

Learning Outcomes:

- Know how to study the Bible in an intentional, authentic, and organized way using appropriate methods and tools.
- Know how, through good exegetical and hermeneutical study of the Bible, women can add their voices to theological discussions.

Course 3: History of Women in the Church April 22, 2023

Instructor: Mimi Haddad: Executive Director of Christian's for Biblical Equality

Teaching Objectives:

- Present a survey of the role of women in church history from the New Testament period to the 21st century.
- Look at examples of women in spiritual leadership throughout history and the contextual factors under which they lived and ministered. [Note: This was originally presented with a focus on women in the west, but local teachers can research and include women who were influencers in their areas of the world.]
- Present the ways which God has used women to advance His kingdom throughout history.

Learning Outcomes:

- Gain a better understanding of the vital and diverse roles women have played in the history of
- the church beginning with the New Testament.
- Have an increased awareness of the role God is calling them to in building his Church.

Course 4: Leadership Development June 3, 2023

Instructor: Naomi Jepsen: SWM Lead Coach, Owner of New Lemonade

Teaching Objectives:

- Present an overview of leadership basics.
- Present various leadership styles.
- Look at the character of a leader and God's standards for leaders.
- Look at how God's love shapes our leadership.

Learning Outcomes:

- Gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader.
- Discover their own personal leadership style and learn how to grow in leadership skills.
- Gain an understanding of the character of a leader and God's standards for leaders.
- Learn how to be a leader in God's love.

Course 5: Team Building & Practices September 16, 2023

Instructor: Diana Anton: Executive Director of Lifesprings International

Teaching Objectives:

- Provide practical tools for ministry leadership: formulating a vision, assessing needs, setting SMART goals, analysis (SWOT chart), planning and implementing, and reviewing.
- Show how to help team members thrive by helping them discover their GRAPES: gifts, roles, areas of influence, passion, experiences, and style.
- Present the building blocks for a strong team foundation: beliefs, values, mission, vision, goal, action plan, and commitment to ministry within a ministry.
- Present a strategy for building a volunteer team: God's call, recruiting, uniting, building with love, discipling, and developing a team.
- Present team as a transforming community that pursues God's will together.

Learning Outcomes:

- Know how to: craft ministry vision and mission statement, skillfully create SMART goals and assess ministry with SWOT analysis.
- Understand the foundation of a team and what goes into building a volunteer team.
- Understand their own calling, spiritual gifts, and uniqueness for ministry, and how to help others identify and grow in these areas.
- Learn how to be a team that functions as a spiritual community

Course 6: Spirituality of Fundraising November 4, 2023

Instructor: Greg Henson: President of Kairos University

Teaching Objectives:

- Present transformational stewardship which is God honoring and Kingdom building.
- Understand the choice between the two kingdoms and the difference between philanthropy and generous stewardship.

Learning Outcomes:

- Present a compelling vision of “giving and asking” as God honouring.
- Gain tools to practice stewardship as an act of love that reflects the image of God.
- Grow in the ability to be generous stewards who can impact their communities with their stewardship practices.
- Grow as stewards by being:
 - o Relational. Nurturing existing relationships and building new relationships.
 - o Invitational. Come, see, join us in what the Lord is doing.
 - o Celebrational. Celebrating the work of God and giving thanks.
 - o Discipling. Investing in God’s future work and people.

Course 7: Gospel Proclamation January 20, 2024

Instructor: TBA

Teaching Objectives:

- Give a biblical description of shalom and the gospel.
- Give a diverse overview of Gospel Proclamation – who is an evangelist and how evangelism is done.
- How to be salt and light in the world: prayer, listening to the Holy Spirit, building relationships, recognizing barriers, knowing your mission field, telling your story.
- Present basics for how to tell your story (and why it is important to tell your story).
- Discuss how apologetics can and should be used in the context of evangelism.

Learning Outcomes

- Incorporate prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit in all forms of Gospel proclamation.
- Identify personal evangelistic style.
- Create a personal and holistic model of Gospel proclamation to implement into their ministry project.

Course 8: Responding to a Suffering World March 2, 2024

Instructor: TBA

Teaching Objectives:

- Explore a biblical view of suffering in the context of injustice.
- Explore how the Bible has been misused to increase the suffering of women.
- Present how suffering is the result of human systems, choices, and behaviours.
- Present contemporary examples of suffering in the church, local communities and globally: domestic violence, human trafficking, loneliness and isolation, poverty, addictions, language barriers, religious and cultural pressures, war, and refugee crisis, etc.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand a biblical view of suffering in the context of injustice and identify how the Bible has been misused to increase the suffering of women.
- Develop personal, practical goals that will help alleviate this form of suffering in their communities.
- Consider how suffering/injustice could be addressed in their ministry project.

Course 9: Spiritual Formation April 20, 2024

Instructor: Julianne Gilchrist: Spiritual Director at Gilchrist Coaching & Adventures

Teaching Objectives:

- Explore the importance of healthy leader self-care and continuing spiritual formation.
- A look at the goal of spiritual transformation and how it works.
- Present the several types of Spiritual Disciplines.
- Outline the stages of faith and spiritual growth.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand that life with Christ is a life of continual formation and transformation.
- Learn what spiritual disciplines are and how to use them to cultivate an inner life that is strongly connected with God.
- Understand the various stages of faith one moves through throughout their lifetime.
- Be able to evaluate where a person (including oneself) might be on their faith journey to better help them along.
- Discover a passion for personal growth in authentic, Christ-like holiness.

Optional online mini course: Rhythm of Life May 2024

Instructor: TBA

Teaching Objectives:

- Define a Rhythm (Rule) of Life and why it is beneficial to have one.
- Teach how to write a personal Mission Statement.
- Teach how to frame, form, and put together a ROL.

Learning Outcomes:

- Know what a ROL is and why it is important.
- Learn how to create a ROL.

Course 10: Peace Amid Conflict June 1, 2024

Instructor: Audrey Jose: Lifesprings International

Teaching Objectives:

- Provide a basic understanding of conflict.
- Present two processes for dealing with conflict: three-way listening and branching and weaving (branching out in thinking and weaving together differing viewpoints).
- Present how to recognize and assess levels of conflict.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand what happens to the mind and body when faced with conflict.
- Learn how to actively listen to others by mirroring, validating, and empathizing.
- Learn how to gather information to understand another person's views and opinions (branch out).
- Learn how to bring together (weave) differing viewpoints, perspectives, positions, and values into one solution.
- Learn how to assess the level of conflict and what to do in each situation.

Course 11: What Christians Believe September 14, 2024

Instructor: Nikayla Reize: Lead Pastor at Awaken Church, Professor at Ambrose University

Teaching Objectives:

- Provide an overview of the theological beliefs of Christians within Orthodoxy.
- Provide the historical roots of theological traditions.
- Explore worldview, doctrine of revelation, doctrine of Jesus Christ (Christology), doctrine of the Holy Spirit (pneumatology), doctrine of sanctification (regeneration and Christian conduct), doctrine of the church (ecclesiology), and doctrine of last things (eschatology).

Learning Outcomes:

- To know and understand God more fully.
- To be able to train others in the realities of our faith.
- To gracefully engage others from various traditions within Orthodoxy.

Course 12: Worldview, Culture, and the Bible November 2, 2024

Panelists: TBA

Teaching Objectives:

- General overview of how a person's worldview impacts their belief system.
- Become aware of how we unknowingly read our cultural understandings into Biblical text.
- Present the challenges and opportunities in cross-cultural ministry.
- Identify why it is important to learn from the Biblical marginalized people, and how to learn from the marginalized around us today.

Learning Outcomes

- Celebrate God's redemptive story, good for all people in all times, preparing all women for evangelism and discipleship/mentoring in a variety of styles and worldviews.

- Identify their personal worldview and how it has shaped their understanding of Scripture.
- Identify marginalized people in the Bible and understand why it is important to listen to those on the margins today.
- As women in the global body of Christ, to increasingly add our unique voices to the discipleship dialogue in our churches and to take advantage of our unique opportunities for disciple-making in our communities and world.