



WorldReach Bible Institute

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English Language Department – Certificate in Discipleship Studies

Church History Survey Course Syllabus

Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce pastors and church leaders to the principal people; the major political, historical, and cultural developments; the main religious movements; and the doctrinal issues which have influenced and shaped the Christian church throughout its 2000 year history.

Course Goals:

1. To teach pastors, church leaders, and other believers the primary facts, significant events, and main movements which have impacted the Christian church in history.
2. To acquaint pastors, church leaders, and other believers with the key figures of church history whose lives have influenced the church.
3. To instruct pastors, church leaders, and other believers in the biblical principles by which the church should have operated over the centuries.
4. To lead pastors, church leaders, and other believers to an awareness of both the triumphs and failures of the church in history.
5. To encourage pastors, church leaders, and other believers to learn from the lessons of church history what the church should and should not do.
6. To re-emphasize to pastors, church leaders, and other believers the need for the church to maintain pure doctrine and practice.
7. To enable pastors, church leaders, and other believers to gain a proper historical perspective on the church today in order to understand its present condition and challenge.

Missions is the mission of the church. Failure to obey the “Great Commission” to make disciples of all nations has been the “Great Failing” of the church in history.