

COURSE SYLLABUS

Urban Apologetics

Course Lecturer: Bishop Vincent Mathews, ThD

Course Description

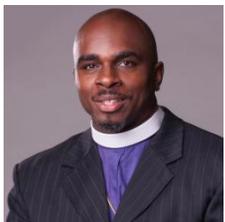
In this course, students will explore common challenges to the Christian faith, particularly those that most often affect urban and African-American communities.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Answer the question, “How do you know there is a God?”
- Provide evidence for the reliability of the Bible.
- Explain who Jesus is and how we can know He truly is God.
- Explain the pivotal role of the family, both in society and in God’s kingdom.
- Provide biblical answers to questions about abortion, and discuss potential solutions to the problem.
- Respond to several false assertions regarding gender and sexuality.
- Discern between godly and ungodly teachings.
- Describe basic tenets held by the Nation of Islam, the Nation of Gods and Earths, and the Black Hebrew Israelites, and respond to these beliefs with biblical truths.
- Explain why Christianity is for everyone and is not just a white, European religion.

Course Lecturer



Bishop Vincent Mathews, Jr., ThD

Education:

- North Carolina College of Theology, ThD
- University of Illinois, MA
- Wayne State University, BA

Career Highlights:

- President, Church of God in Christ World Missions Department
- Prelate, South Africa First Jurisdiction
- Senior Pastor, Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, Ivory Park-Johannesburg, South Africa
- Served in many capacities in South Africa, including Jurisdictional Secretary, District Superintendent, Regional Superintendent, Administrative Assistant, and National Board Member

- Missionary in South Africa
- Director, Detroit Lions Academy, an alternative middle school that was a partnership with the Detroit Lions, Communities in Schools and Detroit Public Schools
- Founder, Peaceful Solutions, a company that was awarded contracts in 17 school districts across the USA to work with violent school code violators, in-service staff, and train parents
- Served at All Nations COGIC in many capacities, from evangelism director to youth pastor

Publications:

- Author of six books

Course Methods

Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage you in understanding, processing and applying the information learned in this course to your life. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**
The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.
- **Additional Resources**
Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, images, etc. that you can use to supplement your learning.

Course Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
 - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.
 - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
 - **Lectures:** 10-20 minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
2. Responding to the discussion questions for each lesson.
3. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.
Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.