

COURSE SYLLABUS

Prayer Basics

Course Lecturer: James Banks, DMin

Course Description

The goal of this course is to help students discover the adventure God desires prayer to be, and to deepen their own relationship with Him through it. The student will gain a scripturally-based understanding of the vital importance of prayer for the Christian life and benefit from several practical strategies for pursuing it personally.

Course Objectives

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

- Ascertain the priority God places on prayer in Scripture.
- Discern the necessity of prayer for effective Christian ministry to others.
- Identify several key biblical passages which underscore different ways to pray, including intercessory prayer, fasting and praying with others.
- Comprehend several obstacles to prayer and how to overcome them.
- Develop effective strategies for coping with unanswered prayer.
- Ascertain a biblical understanding of what it means to persevere in prayer and to live prayerfully in God's presence.

Course Lecturer



James Banks, DMin

Education:

- Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, DMin
- Princeton Theological Seminary, MDiv
- Westmont College, BA

Career Highlights:

- Founding Pastor, Peace Church
- Writer, Our Daily Bread
- Host, *Encouraging Prayer Radio Broadcast and Podcast*
- Author of several books, primarily on prayer
- Recipient, *Servant of the Kingdom Award*, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte) for “real world” work encouraging others in prayer

Publications:

- Author of several popular articles and books on prayer, including *Prayers for Prodigals*, *Praying the Prayers of the Bible*, *Prayers for Your Children*, *Praying with Jesus (DVD)*, *Praying the Prayers of the Bible for Everyday Needs*, *Praying Together*, *Praying the Prayers of the Bible for Kids*, and *Hope Lies Ahead*

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

Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the Class Time lectures for each lesson, which include:
 - **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. Taking each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.

Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the Class Time lectures.

Note: Quizzes and the Final Exam are automatically graded and your course grade is weighted as follows:

Quizzes	40% of Course Grade
Final Exam	60% of Course Grade

In order to obtain a Certificate of Completion your overall score in the course must be 70% or higher.