

The Armada Commission

Student Handbook and application forms

Faculty for 2007-2008

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Vision and Ministry Statement

The Armada Commission exists to train, send and assist those called to church planting, pastoring, and missions that all may contribute to fulfill the command of Jesus — making disciples of all nations. We are committed to exalting Jesus Christ as Lord and building His Church. The Armada Commission is based on excellence of ministry, integrity in leadership, and quality teaching and preaching of God's Word.

Our strategy is to provide:

1. Dynamic teaching to bring the knowledge of God and His Word, understanding how to walk in the spirit, and how to find wisdom for ministry.
2. Multiple mentoring relationships.
3. In-depth ministry and missions experience.
4. Ongoing relationships to assist you in ministry, providing counsel and encouragement through the faculty and our ministerial fellowship (the Armada Network) .
5. Ordination with accountability upon meeting the established criteria.

Each of our faculty have been in ministry over twenty five years, and are experienced in church planting, pastoring, missions, and teaching in Bible schools and pastor's conferences worldwide.

The Training Plan

Three daily classes will be held Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Classes begin on September 11, 2007 and will conclude on June 20, 2008.

Students arrive at 8:00 am for breakfast. Dining together provides fellowship with the students and instructors. Worship and prayer are held each day after breakfast.

The students will read twenty books, classics of Biblical knowledge. Valuable truths will be received through reading and meditation, with an emphasis on developing the personal study habits of a life-long learner.

We will work with the student to develop their teaching and preaching gifts. Assigned topics will be given to prepare sermons and develop delivery skills.

The class will take a missions trip to the former Soviet Union with qualified instructors. Supernatural fires will be lit for the student to receive a burning world vision! This will be an invaluable life changing experience as you participate in active ministry.

The student will have hands-on training in various facets of ministry. It is important to develop the heart of a servant, as well as understand the inner working of ministry.

Class size will be kept small to help facilitate interaction and provide the personal mentoring and relationship building that one needs to excel.

There will be four conferences during the school year. The conferences will encompass the five-fold ministry gifts. Anointed guest ministers, representing the five offices of the ministry of Jesus, will help equip the students.

Policies and Procedures

Financial Cost

For school year beginning September 11, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the cost is \$5,000.00 which includes tuition, missions trip and daily breakfast.

Tuition does not include the cost of textbooks. Books may be purchased at a discounted rate, or used or borrowed copies are permissible.

Payment will be as follows: \$500.00 per month due 1st Monday of each month September through June. Checks should be written to Armada Commission.

In the event of late payment, communication with the Dean is expected.

Any student over one month late could face expulsion if an agreement is not reached.

If expelled there will be no refund of any monies paid.

Class Attendance

Classroom attendance is required, and all tardiness and/or absences must be personally and directly cleared with the Dean.

Expulsion, Suspension, and Re-instatement

The Dean has authority and maintains the right to expel immediately based upon the following reasons: immoral behavior; financial indiscretion; breaches of integrity; tardiness; unfaithfulness; sedition and/or strife; contentiousness; failure to complete assignments.

Grading System

% of grade for the student's work

30% Testing of teaching courses:

There will be five testing days on previously covered material. The tests will be given during each conference week and also Saturday, December 22.

30% Book Reports:

Twenty-two books will be studied by the student. Questions and a writing assignment will be given with each book.

10% Classroom:

The student will keep a notebook on all classes and periodically it will be graded. Attendance, participation, and attitude will also be considered.

10% Sermon Outlines and Presentation:

During the year the student will make ten sermon outlines and one-three part series outline. A presentation will be given during class on each conference week.

10 % Helps Ministry Participation:

On assigned Sundays the student will receive hands-on training from local church leaders. Areas covered will be youth, children, nursery, ushering, sound, media, and worship.

10% Extra Curricular Ministry:

When possible, each student should take initiative in witnessing, prayer meetings, ministry to youth, or serving.

Incomplete Grades

Students are expected to complete all course work as specified by the instructor in a timely manner.

Required textbooks

	Report Due
Courage to Conquer, Lester Sumrall	
The Power of the Blood Covenant, Malcolm Smith	10/8
With Christ In the School of Prayer, Andrew Murray	
The Potential Principle, Ed Cole	10/29
The Bible in Light of Redemption, E.W. Kenyon	
Spiritual Authority, Watchman Nee	12/3
Holiness, Truth and the Presence of God, Francis Frangipane	
The Release of the Spirit, Watchman Nee	
Let Us Worship, Judson Cornwall	1/2
The Pentecostal Experience, Donald Gee	
Faith and Confession, Charles Capps	
How to Be Led by the Spirit, Kenneth Hagin	2/4
The Triumphant Church, Kenneth Hagin	
The Master Plan of Evangelism, Robert Coleman	
Humility, Andrew Murray	3/3
Christ the Healer, F.F. Bosworth	
Your Pastor, Your Shepherd, James Beall	3/31
Spiritual Leadership, Oswald Sanders	
In Search of Timothy, Tony Cooke	5/5
Ever Increasing Faith, Smith Wigglesworth	
Rees Howells Intercessor, Norman Grubb	
Keep the Flame Burning, Ron Macintosh	6/9

Required Sermon Topics

Due Date	Topic
10/8	An Evangelistic Message
10/29	Bible Doctrine
11/30	Giving or Tithing
12/21	Message from Kings or Prophets
1/21	The Holy Spirit
2/4	Faith
3/3	The Ministry or Teaching of Jesus
3/31	Healing
4/28	A Communion Message
6/2	The Fruit of the Spirit

Course Descriptions

The Art of Preaching and Teaching

Through practical example and exercises, the student will be prepared to minister from the pulpit, how to prepare a sermon, and specific ways to improve preaching skills and communication.

The Work of God

This course gives an overview of the work of God from creation through the Old Testament to the ministry of Jesus and His Church. You will also see our place in working with Him and keys to effectiveness.

Evangelism

This course provides the student with the essentials of evangelism. The examination of the Gospel will present a clear plan of salvation and show how to build bridges with seekers.

The Word of God

The doctrine of the Word of God, including revelation, inspiration and canon will be established for the student of the Bible.

Foundations of Theology

The major doctrines of the Bible will be examined laying a foundation of faith and practice. The non-negotiables will be emphasized in light of our salvation. The doctrine of Christ; His person and His work, will be our focus. All of theology is based upon the chief cornerstone - Jesus Christ.

The Prayer Life

We will begin with what Jesus taught us about prayer to develop your prayer life. We will proceed into the ministry of intercession and the ministry of prayer in the church.

Spiritual Growth

This is a study of the stages of spiritual growth, the characteristics, and the lessons that must be learned in order to grow to maturity. This is vital to our growth and our ability to lead others.

The Patriarchs

This is a study of the Book of Genesis covering the things God set in motion in creation to the establishment of the Abrahamic covenant. By understanding the beginning we can properly interpret God's progressive work.

Israel-From Deliverance to Inheritance

This course will cover the Books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, and Judges. We will examine how God miraculously delivered Israel, the lessons from the wilderness, and their conquest and inheritance of the land. We will also learn many leadership lessons from the life of Moses.

The Rights of Our Redemption

The Rights of Our Redemption examine what God did for us through Jesus in His substitution and Identification; what the Holy Spirit does in us through the living Word; what Jesus is doing for us now at the right hand of the Father; and what His Word can do through us in a ministry anointed by the Spirit and power. The authority of the believer is a major focus in this course.

Prosperity

Principles of prosperity, wealth, increase, and stewardship will be examined in light of establishing the Kingdom. The laws of sowing and reaping, the place of the tithe, and Biblical laws of success will be thoroughly covered.

The Kings of Israel

In the kings of Israel we will study the life of Saul, David, and Solomon. In particular we will see from a leadership perspective these kings' preparation for the call, their successes, and their failures.

Excellence of Ministry

Spiritual and Biblical truths will be established which ensure the student enters into a supernatural ministry. The dynamics of ministering God's Word, recognizing and increasing one's anointing, as well as confronting the enemy's

works will be covered in detail.

The Prophets-Judgment and Mercy

This course will cover the prophets from when Israel was divided to their exile. We will see God's heart calling them back to Him and gain insight into His judgment and mercy. This study will bring balance to these areas that every leader must walk in.

Prophetic Ministry

The ministry gift of the Prophet will be examined, bringing greater understanding of its role and place in the local Church. While releasing some into effective prophetic ministry, all will be equipped to better receive from this foundational office.

The Exile and the Restoration

We will study the visions, revelations, and miracles of the prophets in exile. We will also see how God brought the return, rebuilding, and reestablishment of Israel along with many leadership lessons in demonstration.

Vision

Examining the best methods to articulate vision and implement mission. Practical ideas to develop strategy are identified, giving the student tools to prepare for the future.

Full Stature

Full Stature examines how a New Testament local Church is governed and operates. The office of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher will be examined in detail, emphasizing how they function as a team in practical ministry.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

Much emphasis is laid on what Christ has done *for* us, but little of what He is to do *in* us. All that He has done *for us* is in reference to what He desires to do *in us* through the work of the Holy Spirit. Our cooperation with Him in His redemptive work is discussed in this course.

Supernatural Guidance

Students will be given instruction on how to be led by the Holy Spirit, discovering God's will for their daily life and their divine destiny. These truths empower us to navigate through various ministry challenges. The essentials of discernment and cooperation with the Holy Spirit will be examined in depth.

Faith

The foundation of faith in the life of the believer will be established with a priority placed on the integrity of God's Word.

The Integrity of a Leader

Our integrity is the principles we base our life upon and live our life by. This course will lay a strong foundation for you as a leader.

Angels and Demons

The reality of the spirit realm, and those entities which operate there – both angels and demons – will be seen in light of Scriptural truth. The student will be equipped to deal effectively with demonic force, as well as understand the ministry of Angels.

The Ministry of Jesus Christ

This is a study of the life of Christ from birth to resurrection. We will examine His teachings, His works, and His fulfillment of the Father's plan.

Christ the Healer

The finished work of Christ is examined with an emphasis on Christ's substitutionary work through the cross. How to receive, and how to minister, God's healing power will be clearly imparted.

Church Planting

The objectivity and relevance of Church planting will be established in this course, emphasizing that the greatest form of evangelism is the multiplication of New Testament Churches. Practical issues will be discussed at length.

Church History

In Church history we will begin our study in the Book of Acts, seeing the miraculous birth of the Church to the Gospel going to all the world. We will look at how the Church fell, the reformation, and the moves of God to reestablish truth and the ministry of the Holy Ghost. We will also examine the lives of many great men and women of God who made a powerful impact on the Church.

Pastoring

We will begin looking at the call, heart, and work of a pastor. We will also study Paul's pastoral letters, drawing wisdom from them and proceed onto many practical areas of pastoring.

Pastoral Protocol

This study will examine many practical areas of pastoring as well as special services.

The Life of a Leader

The student will understand the leader's responsibility in the areas of character, integrity and ministerial ethics.

The Love of God

The mercy and compassion of God are examined, and their relationship to the personal walk of the believer.

The Ministry of Helps

This course will give a basic understanding of the various help's ministries. We will also study the attitude of a servant and how a pastor should motivate and relate to the workers.

The Revelation and Ministry of Paul

In this course we will study the epistles of Paul and his revelations of the work of Christ. We will also look at his ministry to the Church.

Developing Leadership

How leadership is developed over a lifetime is examined, focusing on the lives of biblical and modern day leaders who illustrate patterns of ministry growth and development.

Marriage and Parenting

This course is vital because leadership begins in the home. We will look at the principles that govern marriage and parenting, and the wisdom of God to be successful in these relationships and responsibilities.

The Overcoming Life

This is a study of Hebrews, James, I & II Peter, I, II, & III John, Jude, and Revelation. Through these letters we learn to overcome persecution, trials, suffering, and discouragement, and to live a victorious Christian life.

Principles of Leadership

In this course, principles will be established which help to produce a lifetime of fruitful ministry.

Points to Remember

GROWTH TAKES TIME. Jesus labored three years with the “*Twelve*.” Even at the end of this time we see carnal attitudes and actions. For example: wanting to be the best, wanting to be in places of prominence. People want “*instant*” growth or crash courses to produce disciples. Growth and development of character takes time. Don't be discouraged with the struggles that you might encounter from time to time.

THE INSTRUCTOR: A GUIDE MORE THAN A TEACHER. We are seeking to make each student a “*discoverer*,” helping him to find the answers rather than simply giving away the answers. This is very satisfying for the student. Work with the instructors. Keep your instructors informed of progress, blessings, and problems that may arise within the team. Their counsel will be valuable in many situations.

A COURSE DOES NOT MAKE DISCIPLES - PEOPLE DO. One does not become a disciple by going through the materials from a predefined course. A. W. Tozer once said, “*Only a disciple can make a disciple.*” Disciples are raised up as life from one person is imparted to another, (1 Thess 2:8). The instructors need to feel commitment to help their students become quality disciples. “*One man 100% committed to Christ can do more than 100 men who are 90% committed to Christ,*” Dawson Trotman.

TEACHING FROM EXPERIENCE, AND LEARNING BY EXPERIENCE. Teaching that comes from experience gives insight. The instructors have been down this road before. Learning by experience imparts confidence.

DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS. The better the relationships between people in the group the more free they are to share, interact and make personal views known. Doing things together outside class sessions is encouraged. Fellowship enables us to get to know one another in better ways and has the benefit of deepening relationships.

PERSONAL TIME WITH INSTRUCTORS. There are several reasons why the instructors will want to have personal time with someone in the team: 1) To further establish the individual; 2) To communicate individual goals and assignments; 3) To give aid in handling difficulties: the instructors desire to give help in any and every ministry problem; 4) To give encouragement when a

person is falling behind in class requirements, and to examine whether those assignments should be re-evaluated. One of the prime reasons of personal time is to develop a deeper relationship with another person in order to be of greater mutual benefit and strength in Christ.

WE WANT TO SEE CHARACTER CHANGED. Knowledge makes one arrogant but love builds up, (1 Cor 8:1). Knowledge and training do not equal maturity. Gaining knowledge and training does not insure that one's character becomes more Christlike. Application of truth changes character and thereby produces maturity. A daily quiet time, prayer, Scripture memorization, Bible study, etc., are means to an end. God's desire is spiritual maturity.

DEVELOPMENT OF GODLY HABITS. Certain aspects of the Armada Commission should become part of your lifelong habits. The Scriptures require certain things for growth and knowing Christ. Spending consistent time with God in His Word, a regular intercessory prayer life, memorizing the Scriptures, studying the Word and witnessing for Christ are things which God's Word directs the Christian to do faithfully.

QUALITY BEGETS QUANTITY. Jesus had the world on His heart but gave Himself primarily to the “*Twelve*” who became the foundations of many spiritual generations. Multiplication results where training is thorough and standards are high.

MORAL AND ETHICAL REQUIREMENTS. When situations requiring discipline arise, the Biblical method will be followed as set forth by Christ, (Mat. 18:15-20). Every effort will be made to secure reconciliation. However, if such attempts are unsuccessful, divine discipline will be in order. Any student refusing to adhere to sound counsel, correction, or discipline will be expelled.

THE FACT OF ATTRITION. The better we communicate the “*cost*” of participating in the Armada Commission before we begin, the less attrition (dropping out) we will experience. Most courses experience attrition and this one is no exception. There is a “*price to pay*” to be a minister of Jesus Christ. There is no vocation in the world that holds higher standards than the ministry of Jesus Christ. Some will rebel as personal issues become clear. In John 6 it says, “*many of His disciples followed Him no more*” -- This was after Jesus clarified some of the issues involved in following Him. We must be faithful to maintain the highest of standards and yet do all we can to help people succeed. The choice is yours whether you will discipline yourself or drop out.