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Welcome to Emmaus School of Ministry, the training arm for the adults of Grace Church. Our desire is expressed in Paul's prayer found in Philippians 1:9-11, "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God." Emmaus is an academic supplement to the discipleship and community based ministries that already exist at Grace. Our goal is that every believer can "Know it, Live it, and Give it Away" . . . effectively. The school of ministry focuses on knowing the story of Jesus. It is the story of God's Love. It is the story of hope. It is the message of hope, that God, our loving Father, kept his promise to redeem us from sin and death through the work of Jesus Christ. The story of Jesus is the story of the Bible. One must know the Bible to understand the story of Jesus, in order to live it and give it away. We hope that you will journey with us on the Emmaus road as you seek to know it, live it and give it away in your own life.

"Do your best to present yourselves to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15

What is Emmaus?

The Need. One of the most distinct findings we discovered through the Reveal Study in 2009 was that we need a clear and systematic path for people who seek Bible and ministry training. The Emmaus School of Ministry was developed for that very purpose. It provides this pathway, and enables Grace Church to accomplish its purpose of helping people know the story of Jesus, to become followers of Jesus and to make disciples. We know it; we live it ; we give it away.

The Vision. Our vision is in response to Jesus' request in Luke 10:2, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Jesus then sent out his disciples in pairs to proclaim the Gospel. We see the Emmaus School of Ministry as the answer to God's call "to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13). Emmaus will not simply seek to educate people in the knowledge of the Bible, but rather to truly aid in the process of disciple making. Disciples are more than just well informed students, they are people who take the truth of God's Word and live it out in their lives in a way that impacts others. To facilitate this holistic approach to learning, we plan to include elements of biblical community, spiritual accountability and ministry involvement in our program. Our dream is to develop disciples who have the ability to understand the Bible, to apply its truth in the real world, to develop relationships necessary to sustain a life of ministry, and, if called, to give leadership to the advancement of the Gospel.

The Name. The name Emmaus was inspired by the story in Luke 24:13-35 about Jesus teaching travelers going to the town of Emmaus. The story moves through five distinct stages:

- (1) the need expressed [14-21]
- (2) hope resurrected [22-24]
- (3) Scripture explained [25-27]
- (4) eyes opened [28-31]
- (5) Gospel proclaimed [32-35]

These five stages express the goals and process of the Emmaus School of Ministry. The need (1) to understand the times, what God is doing and how we can enter into it calls us to action. Jesus' resurrection gives us hope (2) that our faith is not just an empty dream. It is true. We get all excited. Since it is true, we need to study (3) the Bible so we can know God and see (4) what He is doing. We organize a discipleship program to teach people the story of Jesus and to give direction to their excitement. Now that we understand God's Word, we can with joy and effectiveness proclaim (5) the good news to others who need to hear. Hence Emmaus School of Ministry. We know it; we live it; we give it away!

The Purpose and Goals. The purpose of Emmaus is to provide bible based training that changes lives in community so that they impact the world around them with the gospel. Our goals:

1. Train and equip disciples to follow Christ and do the work of the ministry
2. Structure a curriculum and program around the schedule of our people so as many as possible can be trained
3. Equip students with a working knowledge of God's Word and a heart for serving Him
4. Provide an interactive environment where biblical concepts, contemporary issues and applicational methods can be discussed
5. Train our volunteers and staff to be more effective in ministry, and to function as ministry leaders, even future staff with Grace Church and the church at large

How do I get started?

To REGISTER for a class, or learn about current and upcoming class offerings:



Log on to www.graceohio.org Link to Norton Campus and select Training. Our website includes current classes being offered, online registration, a catalogue of our curriculum, and more.



Call us at 330-825-6291. Our staff will be happy to assist you in any way they can regarding your enrollment and participation in the Emmaus School of Ministry.



Check Out the “Know It” Kiosk located in the lobby.

- ✓ You can check out our website
- ✓ You can enroll in a course.
- ✓ Pick up a schedule about current and upcoming classes.
- ✓ Ask questions to our staff concerning the Emmaus School of Ministry.

What is the diploma program in the Emmaus School of Ministry?

The diploma at the Norton Campus of the Emmaus School of Ministry (ESOM) is designed to grow individuals in their relationship with Jesus Christ and to equip them for effective ministry. It entails courses covering a variety of areas of Christian development. To complete the diploma, students must take the required courses from the five genres of Christian studies (Biblical, Theological, Missions/Evangelism, Practical, and Leadership/Educational), as well as free electives from across the genres totaling 40 credits.

- ✓ Courses are designated a number of credits as follows:
 - 2 credits = 4 week course
 - 3 credits = 6 week course
- ✓ Courses will meet for approximately 1 hour each week
- ✓ Courses will be offered at various times throughout the week including:
 - Sunday mornings
 - Saturday mornings
 - Wednesday evenings
 - Evenings throughout the week
- ✓ Foundational Courses
 - **Discovery Luncheon:** An introduction to Grace Church**
 - **Starting Point:** A 10-week small group experience that explores the Bible's grand story and where each person fits into the narrative**
 - **Know It, Live It, Give It Away:** A 3-week course that introduces the training, community and fellowship, and volunteer and outreach arms of the church
- ✓ Applied Ministry Experience (AME): 3 semesters (each semester is at least 12 weeks) of AME are required completion of the ESOM diploma. Each area of ministry at Grace Church will have one or more AME's available for students to serve in, according to their gifts and passions. It

is *essential* to put into practice that which is learned!

- ✓ Completion of the diploma is strongly encouraged for all, and especially those in recognized leadership positions at Grace Church.

** *Depending on one's time already at Grace Church and exposure to ministry it is possible to "test out" of these Foundational Courses*

REQUIRED COURSES

	Credits
Biblical Studies (BS)	
BS-101 Overview of the Old Testament	3
BS-102 Overview of the New Testament	3
Theological Studies (TS)	
TS-101 Christian Beliefs I	3
TS-102 Christian Beliefs II	3
Leadership Training (LT)	
LT-101 Biblical Leadership	2
LT-102 Teaching Essentials	2
Missions/Evangelism Studies (MES)	
MES-101 Evangelism: <i>How and Why to Share Christ with Others</i>	2
MES-102 What is Missions?	2
Practical Studies (PS)	
PS-101 Transforming: <i>Becoming a True Disciple of Jesus</i>	3
PS-102 Volunteerism in the Church	2
TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS	<hr/> 25 credits

ELECTIVE COURSES

Biblical Studies (BS)

BS-201 Old Testament Elective	3
BS-202 New Testament Elective	3
BS-203 How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth	3

Theological Studies (TS)

TS-201 Understanding and Defending the Faith	3
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Leadership Training (LT)

LT-201-207 Department Specific Leadership Training	2
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Missions/Evangelism Studies (MES)

MES-201 History of Christianity	3
MES-202 Current Book Studies	3
MES-203 Understanding Poverty	3
MES-204 World Religions	3

Practical Studies (PS)

PS-201 Men's Ministry Elective	3
PS-202 Women's Ministry Elective	3
PS-203 Marriage Matters	3
PS-204 Parenting God's Way	3
PS-205 Christian Money Management	3
PS-206 Ministry Practicum	3
PS-207-2011 Seminars and Workshops	3

TOTAL ELECTIVE CREDITS	15 credits
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TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS (<i>page 6</i>)	25 credits
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TOTAL CREDITS FOR DIPLOMA	40 credits
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APPLIED MINISTRY EXPERIENCE	3 semesters
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COURSE OFFERINGS

Spring 2012

PS-202 Women's Elective

Credits: 3 (6-weeks)
Teacher: Jenny Berggren
Dates: 6:45m, Wednesdays, Feb 29-April 4
Location: Room 125

PS-201 Men's Elective: Representing Christ at Your Workplace

Credits: 3 (6-weeks)
Teacher: Nick Reinfeld
Dates: 6:45m, Wednesdays, Feb 29-April 4
Location: Room 236

MES-203 Understanding Poverty

Credits: 2 (4-weeks)
Teacher: Adam Speas
Dates: 10:30am, Sundays, March 4-25
Location: Room 130-131

TS-101 Christian Beliefs I: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine

Credits: 3 (6-weeks)
Teacher: Jeff Martell
Dates: 10:30am, Sundays, April 1-May 13 (off Easter, April 8)
Location: Room 130-131

BS-202 New Testament Elective: The Book of Philippians

Credits: 2 (4-weeks)
Teacher: Herb Matheny
Dates: 6:45pm, Mondays, April 9-30
Location: Room 130-131

PS-204 Parenting God's Way

Credits: 2 (4-weeks)
Teacher: Bob Combs
Dates: 6:45m, Wednesdays, April 11-May 2
Location: Room 130-131