



## HOW JESUS CHANGED LIVES

### THE POWER OF MENTORING FROM THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

ELECTIVE COURSE

**Course Summary:** The course will examine mentoring as a tool for leaders in their personal and professional lives and in the larger vista as a means of redeeming society. Contemporary strategies for mentoring in the business world will be compared with Jesus' view (e.g. Servant and Transformational Leadership models) and individuals from a number of Butte County organizations will present their approach to mentoring, which will provide impetus for discussion.

Jesus' interaction with the disciples in the Synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) will provide the basis for understanding how He approached mentoring in respect to producing lasting relationships, making necessary personal sacrifices, working through decisions and moving forward, and handling conflict.

**Course Facilitators:** Bill Such and Rory Rottschalk will co-teach the class, examining current mentoring practices; the place of mentoring in today's world; organizational models of leadership; the relation of mentoring to discipleship; how Jesus mentored his disciples; implications for transforming the city; mentoring as the redemption of helping agencies and society as a whole.

#### **Required Class Reader to purchase for this class:**

The cost of a READER for this class will cost an additional \$25. This is in addition to the tuition listed below. The reader will provide excerpts from the following texts:

Bernard Bass and Ronald Riggio, *Transformational Leadership*  
James Burns, *Leadership*  
Harvey Cox, *When Jesus Came to Harvard*  
Robert Greenleaf, *Servant Leadership*  
Laurie Beth Jones, *Jesus Life Coach*  
Phillip Lewis, *Transformational Leadership*  
Gareth Morgan, *Images of Organization*  
Peter Senge et al, *The Dance of Change*  
Gary Wills, *What Jesus Meant*

The course will meet for 20 hours of instruction over a period of 10 weeks. The class will meet initially at The Orchard Church, beginning on Monday, September 22.

## **Course Gatherings**

Class #1 - MONDAY, Sept. 22 (7:00-9:00pm) - Introduction: Definition and Value of Mentoring in Contemporary Society, the relation of Mentoring to Instruction and Teaching, Mentoring and the War on Poverty.

Class #2 - MONDAY, Sept. 29 (7:00-9:00pm) - Metaphors of Mentoring, The Transformational Model, Greenleaf's Servant Leader. Jesus as Mentor or Servant Leader? Loving the Least as a Biblical Theme.

Class #3 - MONDAY, Oct. 6 (7:00-9:00pm) - Mentoring as Caring for People: Jesus and his Disciples, Mentoring and the Meaning of Discipleship, Mentoring as a Modern Form of Discipleship, Mentoring as Adoption: The Divine Embrace.

Class #4 - MONDAY, Oct. 13 (7:00-9:00pm) - Personal Sacrifice: The Heart of Mentoring, Pride as "Soul-Death", Abandoning Rights and Taking On Humility, Mentoring as Practical Instruction: At-Risk Kids (Rosedale Elementary School).

Class #5 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 (7:00-9:00pm) - Mentoring Tool: Using Stories to Impact Lives. Imagination as a Tool for Change, Mentoring as Practical Instruction: Teens (Fairview and Pleasant Valley High Schools).

Class #6 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 (7:00-9:00pm) - Coping with Tradition and Change in Mentoring, Overcoming Cultural Captivity to the Past, Mentoring as Practical Instruction (Teen Moms - Young Lives Home).

Class #7 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (7:00-9:00pm) - Conflict in Mentoring, Mentoring as Practical Instruction: Butte County Children's Services.

Class #8 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 (7:00-9:00pm) - Mentoring and Making Tough Decisions, Strategic Planning in Mentoring, Mentoring as Practical Instruction: Mentoring Substance Abusers - Orchard Church.

Class #9 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 (7:00-9:00pm) - Lessons Learned from Jesus' Mentoring Style, Mentoring as Practical Instruction: Mentoring the Homeless (The Jesus Center).

Class #10 - MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 (7:00-9:00pm) - Transforming the City through Mentoring, The War against Corruptors of Culture, Life as a Circle of Context, "Please Mentor Me": A Silent Cry.

## **Course Work / Assignments:**

- Students required to attend all class meetings. Excused absence only granted through prior arrangements made with class facilitators.
- Students required to complete reading assignments between each class meeting.

- Students required to complete a coaching journal of his/her thoughts as the class progresses and will turn in at the conclusion of the class.
- Students required to turn in a copy of project/practicum paper and the end of the class.
- Students required to turn in class evaluation

**COACHING:** Each student will be assigned a coach who will meet with the student for FOUR coaching sessions during the course of the class. Three appointments during the 10-week period of the class and the fourth coaching appointment will occur 30-days after the final class meeting.

**PRACTICUM:** Students will be responsible to write-up and implement a practical application of the class insights and paradigms to their current life and context. The practicum paper will be 5-10 pages in length and will be strategic in nature, highlighting a plan for change, as well their Coaching Journal. Practicum paper due 60-days after final meeting date of the class.

(Non-Certificate) Tuition COST: \$195 - Registration on-line before Sept. 22 ([www.cftstudies.org](http://www.cftstudies.org)) \$240 after Sept. 22 - 3 payments of \$80. Scholarships available. Contact us on the website.

(Note: Once certificate program is established, class tuition will increase.)