

CURRICULUM LINE UP

RECOMMENDED LAYOUT AND COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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Encountering Jesus

Available Fall 2020

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Available Fall 2020

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Available Fall 2021

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Available Spring 2022

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ENCOUNTERING JESUS

EXPLORING THE BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND CULTIVATING A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

TOPICS COVERED

- The attributes and names of God
- Overview of Jesus's life
- How to pray
- How to study Scripture
- Our identity in Christ
- Who were the disciples?
- How to share your faith

WHY NOW?

Encountering Jesus will serve as a foundational course that explores the basics of the Gospels and the relationship between Jesus and His disciples, as well as practical wisdom concerning the Christian life and sharing the Good News. Establishing this foundation during students' first semester of 7th grade will enable them to explore all subsequent topics through the lens of the gospel and the Great Commission.

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THE WHOLE SELF: BODY

THINKING BIBLICALLY ABOUT PHYSICAL WELLNESS

TOPICS COVERED

- Goal-setting, time management, and study habits
- Nutrition
- Fitness and exercise
- Rest and sleep
- Biblical manhood, womanhood, and family
- Eating orders and body positivity
- Purity and modesty
- Sexual assault
- Sexual health
- Sex in the media vs. God's plan for sex
- Tobacco, vaping, drugs, and alcohol
- Prescription drug abuse

WHY NOW?

Developed using materials and expertise from the staff at Axis, The Whole Self: Body aims to meet the eighth grade health class requirements as mandated by many states while also instilling a biblical perspective of each aspect of physical wellness. Students will spend the fall of their 8th grade year by understanding and establishing healthy habits that will serve them in high school and beyond.

EXPLORING CULTURE

EXAMINING THE MOST PROMINENT SECTORS OF CULTURE WHILE CONSIDERING GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

TOPICS COVERED

- An explanation of our biblical purpose
- The importance of our passions
- The cultural influence of Technology, Art & Entertainment, Family, Religion, Media, Government, Business, and Education
- SongLever Project-Based Learning

WHY NOW?

Following the foundational truths of Encountering Jesus, Exploring Culture examines the roles and influence of the 8 main sectors of culture-- the ways that each of these entities affect society and what the Bible says of their respective roles. The previous semester prepares students to evaluate the messages that they will encounter from culture according to Scripture, while the content of Exploring Culture will equip students to determine what is true both in their everyday lives and in their future studies. The SongLever Project encourages and empowers students to think creatively.

THE WHOLE SELF: MIND

THINKING BIBLICALLY ABOUT MENTAL WELLNESS

TOPICS COVERED

- Guide to failure
- Doubt and spiritual warfare
- Fear and worry
- Grief
- Depression and anxiety
- Suicide and self-harm prevention
- Other mental illness and stigma
- School shootings
- Netflix, streaming, YouTube, and reality TV
- Social media, influencers, and cyberbullying
- "FOMO", dating, and singleness
- Conflict resolution and the power of words

WHY NOW?

Developed using materials and expertise from the staff at Axis, The Whole Self: Mind builds on the previous semester of physical health education. It addresses topics that are most prevalent to Gen Z from a biblical perspective including mental health, social media, relationships, and more. In students' last semester before high school, EPIC seeks to tackle the tough topics in preparation for a successful next step.

OLD TESTAMENT 1

EXPOSITORY TEACHING AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF GENESIS – 2 CHRONICLES

TOPICS COVERED

- Introduction and overview of the Old Testament
- Genesis through 2 Chronicles

WHY NOW?

As students begin high school, they also begin their traditional study of the Bible. Other course layouts propose teaching the Old Testament after the New Testament, based on the notion that the New Testament is easier for students to digest and understand. At EPIC, we believe that the Bible is one narrative and should be studied as such! Our Old Testament courses aim to demonstrate both the wholeness and intricacy of God's immense plan--from Genesis to Revelation. Teaching the books of the Bible in chronological order enables students to grasp God's entire story, as well as understand the historical context of each book and the ways in which they build upon each other.

OLD TESTAMENT 2

EXPOSITORY TEACHING AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF EZRA – MALACHI

TOPICS COVERED

- A continuation of the Old Testament
- Ezra through Malachi

WHY NOW?

In keeping with EPIC's view of the Bible as one complete narrative, the spring semester of Old Testament 2 will pick up right where Old Testament 1 left off. Beginning with Ezra, this course will continue to trace themes of God's grace, justice, providence, and covenant with humankind--all pointing to the coming Messiah. This course will also prepare students for their study of the New Testament, beginning the following fall.

NEW TESTAMENT 1

EXPOSITORY TEACHING AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF MATTHEW – 2 CORINTHIANS

TOPICS COVERED

- Introduction and overview of the New Testament
- The life of Jesus
- Matthew through 2 Corinthians

WHY NOW?

10th grade students will continue their study of the Bible with the first half of the New Testament in the fall. This course includes an overview of the scope, sequence, and intentional design of the New Testament, as well as an in-depth look at Jesus's life and ministry. Each book from Matthew to 2 Corinthians will also have its own dedicated study.

NEW TESTAMENT 2

EXPOSITORY TEACHING AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF GALATIANS – REVELATION

TOPICS COVERED

- A continuation of the New Testament
- Galatians through Revelation

WHY NOW?

Students will conclude their study of the books of the Bible in the spring of their 10th grade year. This semester aims to, once again, show the continuity of Scripture and sovereignty of God in Galatians through Revelation, as it relates to both the rest of the New Testament and the Bible as a whole. Having completed a thorough study of the entire Bible, students will be prepared for more advanced topics in their final two years of high school.

LIFE CALLING

BIBLICAL WISDOM AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE FOR SERVING GOD WITH OUR LIVES AND IN OUR VOCATIONS

TOPICS COVERED

- An exploration of biblical purpose
- The 210 Project
- Spiritual gift assessment and study
- The importance of serving others
- The importance of our passions
- Career aptitude assessment and study
- How to serve God in our vocations

WHY NOW?

Traditionally, spring of 11th grade is the semester that students begin taking college admission exams (like the ACT and SAT) and embarking on college visits. It is a time of important questions and major decisions. Life Calling aims to equip students with biblical wisdom and practical knowledge to help make these upcoming decisions. Students will participate in guided exploration of their own passions, aptitudes and spiritual gifts while examining what the Bible says about using their own talents and opportunities to serve God and others.

DISCOVERING TRUTH

EXPLORING FACTS AND UNCOVERING EVIDENCE TO COMMUNICATE THE TRUTH OF CHRISTIANITY

TOPICS COVERED

- What is truth?
- How can we determine what is true?
- How do other world religions answer big questions?
- Why is our worldview important?
- What historical evidence exists for the resurrection?
- How does our perspective of the resurrection affect our worldview?

WHY NOW?

Developed using materials and expertise from Jonathan Morrow, Discovering Truth aims to dig deeper into the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and how the truth of the Bible stands up to other world religions. The course aims to discuss these hard questions while helping students improve their discernment skills, establish a respectful understanding of other beliefs, and strengthen their faith. The skills and confidence developed in this course will serve students well as they prepare to attend college and enter the “real world.”

APOLOGETICS & EVANGELISM

DEFENDING AND SHARING THE FAITH

TOPICS COVERED

- Introduction to apologetics
- Material from Josh and Sean McDowell
- How to defend our faith
- Introduction to evangelism
- Why are we called to evangelize?
- How to share the gospel with others

WHY NOW?

Less than a year away from graduation, 12th grade is a crucial time for students who will soon be immersed in university academia or the workforce. Developed in partnership with Josh and Sean McDowell, Apologetics & Evangelism seeks to equip students to both defend their faith and make disciples. Regardless of what they encounter after high school, this course will provide tools and skills to help students keep and share their faith long after graduation.

RON BLUE FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

USING GOD-GIVEN RESOURCES FOR GOD-GIVEN GOALS AND PURPOSES

TOPICS COVERED

- What does the Bible say about money?
- Wise decision-making
- Contentment and providence
- The power and importance of giving
- Is debt ever a wise choice?
- How compound interest works
- Saving and investing
- Setting financial goals

WHY NOW?

Developed along with the experts at Ron Blue, Financial Stewardship teaches students how to use God-given resources for God-given goals and purposes. Full of practical knowledge on topics such as debt, compound interest, car payments, and investing, this course empowers students on the cusp of adulthood to be financially independent and successful adults, all while being godly stewards of their resources.