



# Spring 2025 Course Catalog

## Ministry 101 – Calling & Purpose (3 credits)

This course covers 4 main topics in relation to Christian ministry: New Testament ministry, ministry calling and purpose, biographical examples, and personal ministry insight. The course will be structured with lectures and discussions on these topics with an emphasis on personal application. The class time will also feature interaction with guest missionaries, local pastors, and others involved in full-time Christian ministry. Evaluation will be based on four written exercises (3-5 page papers) and a completion of the assigned reading material. The papers will be on the following topics: the training of the twelve disciples, surrender and calling in ministry, and two papers on spiritual lessons from biographical examples.

### *Spring 2025 Course Details:*

Days and Times: Mondays and Thursdays from 7-10pm

Location: Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.

Meeting Dates: 05/05/2025 – 06/26/2025.

*Memorial Day Break: 05/26/2025.*

Course Tuition: \$225

Prerequisites: None

### *Required Reading Materials:*

- Bible (ESV, NIV, HCSB, CSB, NAS, NET, NKJV or KJV)
- [By Searching: My Journey Through Doubt Into Faith, Isobel Kuhn, ISBN: 978-0802400536](#)
- [Shadow of the Almighty, Elisabeth Elliot, ISBN: 978-0060622138](#)
- One of the following:
  - [Watchman Nee: Man of Suffering, Bob Laurent, ISBN: 978-1577482239](#)
  - [Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret, Howard Taylor, ISBN: 978-0802456588](#)
  - [DAWS: The Story of Dawson Trotman, Betty Lee Skinner, ISBN: 978-0310328018](#)
  - [Hearing Heart, Hannah Hurnard, ISBN: 978-0842314053](#)

### *Course Instructor:*

- Professor: Paul Manwiller
  - Instructor Profile: Paul Manwiller grew up in Anchorage, Alaska. He went to the University of Michigan and later Wayne State University to earn his bachelor's in education. He went on to earn his Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield Illinois. He has been a pastor for over 30 years first in a

bush village in Alaska and then in church planting efforts in the Detroit area. Since 1993, he has served as the founding pastor of Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti Michigan.

### **Bible 257 – Sermon on the Mount (1 credit)**

This course will equip students with a basic introduction to understanding and interpreting Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew 5-7. The class will discuss various hermeneutical perspectives on the Sermon, along with its structure, key themes, and challenging interpretive issues. In addition to a method for interpreting the Sermon, students will see how the Sermon speaks into current ethical issues and provides a guide for Christian discipleship and growth. Student learning will be evaluated based on weekly quizzes from the assigned reading and class discussion, a Scripture memory project, and a final exam or paper.

#### *Spring 2025 Course Details:*

Days and Times: Fridays from 4pm-7pm

Location: Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.

Meeting Dates: 05/09/2025 – 06/27/2025.

Course Tuition: \$75

Prerequisites: None

#### *Required Reading Materials:*

- Bible (unless otherwise specified, you may use the translation of your choice) -  
Lecture notes and quiz blanks will use the ESV translation.

[-Sermon on the Mount: The Story of God Bible Commentary, Scot Mcknight ISBN: 978-0310327134](#)

#### *Course Instructor:*

- Professor: Nathan Williams

- o Instructor Profile: Nathan Williams has been happily married to Bethany for 20 years and they have 4 children. He has an undergraduate degree in Bible with a history minor, along with an M.Div. from The Master's Seminary and a D.Min. in Biblical Theology from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Nathan served as a college pastor in Lynchburg, Virginia for 7 years before moving to Michigan in 2017 to become the senior pastor at Woodhaven Bible Church in Woodhaven. One of his ministry passions involves pastoral training in Nepal, having taught in the country several times as well as developing curricula for national pastors there. In his free time he enjoys reading, running, watching Michigan football, and roasting coffee.