



## ***Our Instructors Make BeADisciple Great***

Greetings, friend!

When asked what learners appreciate most about online courses with BeADisciple.com, three responses consistently appear at the top of the list:

- Content that helps them think and grow
- Connection with fellow learners for idea-sharing and support
- Caring and engaged instructors who guide them through the material

BeADisciple instructors come from a variety of backgrounds and experience – clergy and laity, seminary professors and chaplains, first-responders, technology pros and health and finance professionals. As God calls each one to share their knowledge and expertise for the purpose of equipping God’s people for life and ministry, BeADisciple provides the method and the infrastructure that brings learners and instructors together. As director of online learning, I get to sit back and watch the magic happen – thanks be to God!



I’m grateful for the knowledge and skills of each of our instructors and the impact they are making on BeADisciple learners across the country and around the world. If you have a story to share about how a BeADisciple instructor has impacted your life and ministry, I invite you to share it with me [here](#).

Peace,

Lori Richey  
Director of Online Education, Institute for Discipleship

P.S. – Keep reading to meet one of our newest instructors, Jerra Jenrette!

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### **BeADisciple Instructor Spotlight: Jerra Jenrette**

With a Ph.D. in history and an M.A. in religious studies, Jerra Jenrette has taught a wide range of courses during her 34-year academic career. In addition, courses completed through her

local Lay Ministry School and BeADisciple.com have allowed Jerra to earn her Lay Servant, Lay Speaker, and Lay Minister (CLM) certifications.



Taking online courses with BeADisciple inspired Jerra to complete the instructor training course (IFD100) in January 2024. Her first course, "Old Testament Through a Different Lens: Torah and Beyond," had a very successful showing with 19 learners enrolled, and she's looking forward to the next two courses in the Old Testament Series:

- **IFD272 Old Testament Through a Different Lens: The Prophets** (Oct.14 – 25, 2024)
- **IFD273 Old Testament Through a Different Lens: Ketuvim/Writings** (Dec. 2 – 13, 2024)

In addition to these self-written courses, Jerra will teach the second course in the Women's Ministries certification and several modules in the CLM program in 2025.

Jerra says:

*"BeADisciple is the perfect place for those who desire to remain engaged in theological, scriptural, and spiritual pursuits, and it was the intersection of these three that drew me to teaching in this format. As a retired history professor, I found that the learners who enroll in BeADisciple are people of faith who seek to know the Lord in a deeper way while enhancing their own ministries. I love learning and know that it is multi-faceted; in reality, instructors often learn more than the students because of the amount of study and spiritual preparation that goes into teaching. BeADisciple enables all--instructors as well as learners--to meet people from across the country (and the world) to come together in a space of commitment and connection."*

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## ***New BeADisciple.com Online Courses Beginning in November***

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### ***A Scriptural Walk to Refresh the Soul November 4-15***

This course is for persons called to lead Christian retreats who are looking for ways to guide those they shepherd to grow in the intimacy of abiding in Jesus.

Equipped by this two-week course, leaders ranging from the inexperienced to persons with more leadership experience can design retreats centered in the stories of Jesus. You will learn how to design experiences that focus on one Gospel story, including the practices of Christian conferencing, prayer, searching the Scriptures, worship, study, and solitude and silence for reflection. The resulting retreats will offer depth to seasoned church members without over-challenging newcomers to the faith.

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***Parents of Prodigals  
November 4 - 17***



The familiar Bible story of the Prodigal Son reminds us that being the parent of a prodigal is not an uncommon phenomenon and is not an indication of bad parenting. Even God, the Heavenly Father and perfect parent, has many prodigal children. In this learning/fellowship/praying course, parents of prodigals (PoP) can share what they've learned from the reading assignments. You also will be able to apply lessons learned to bring comfort to other parents who are estranged from their children of any age. After the two-week course, learners have the option of being part of an ongoing text-message group where everyone is encouraged to share victories and defeats and pray for one another.

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### ***Christians Getting Ready for Christmas*** **November 18 - 22**

For Christians, the season of looking forward to Christmas is about hope, but that hope is sometimes drowned by busy-ness in the weeks leading up to our celebration of Christ's birth. This course is for faithful Jesus followers once again facing the hustle and bustle that accompany the approach of Christmas. The one-week course addresses the nature of the pre-Christmas season, easing some of the misgivings we may have about secular practices while providing information and a framework for a Christian approach within everything else that's going on.

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## ***New BeADisciple.com Online Courses Beginning in October***

**Oct. 7 - 18: *Abiding in Christ Together: Creating Gospel-Centric Retreats***

**Oct. 14 - 25: *Old Testament Through a Different Lens: The Prophets***

**Oct. 21 - Nov. 10: *The Lost Art of Practicing His Presence***

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