

To Everything a Season

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Greetings, friend!

From the BeADisciple staff, a sincere thank you to all of the learners, instructors, and other stakeholders who provided insight and feedback on our IFD Certification programs.

Through careful discovery and discernment, we've learned that:

1. These programs are valued for the high-quality content, engaged instruction, and connection with peers that they provide.
2. Six-week courses are too lengthy of a time commitment for many.
3. The sequenced structure of the courses doesn't allow learners to access the content they need when they most need it.
4. Credentialing needs vary across individuals, ministries, and leadership roles.

For these reasons and more, we're pausing the certifications programs as they currently exist. Over the next year, we'll be exploring opportunities and praying for God's guidance as we determine our next faithful steps in offering high-quality



ministry training at BeADisciple.com. In the meantime, we'll continue offering regular course offerings over a wide spectrum of topics. Check out the highlighted courses below or see our website for your next learning opportunity, today!

Peace,



Lori Richey
Director of Online Education, Institute for Discipleship

Check Out These Scriptural Literacy Courses Beginning in June and July

During 2025 BeADisciple.com will place special emphasis on courses that focus on scriptural literacy. For more information on this theme, visit our web page [here](#).

June 2 - July 7: *Proclaiming Scripture With a Storytelling Spirit for Summer*

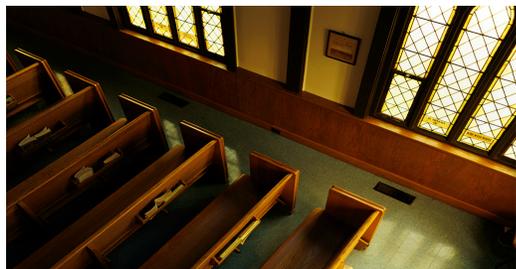
June 16 - 27: *Proclaiming the Word from Mark's Gospel*

July 7 - 25: *Leading Bible Study: Biblical Interpretation*

July 14 - 25: *Old Testament Through a Different Lens: Torah and Beyond*

July 28 - Aug. 9: *Biblical Storytelling I*

Enroll Now in These BeADisciple.com Online Courses Beginning in June and July



Futureproofing Faith: Revitalizing Churches in the 21st Century June 16 - 27

This two-week course is a transformative event designed for church leaders and members who are facing challenges in growth and impact. It offers strategic insights and practical tools to revitalize

struggling churches, emphasizing adaptability and sustainability while respecting traditional ministry methods. Participants will explore modern ministry essentials, from technology integration to social justice, ensuring their church thrives in today's world and beyond.

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Proclaiming the Word



From Mark's Gospel

June 16 - 27

Learners will read and study Mark's Gospel using the provided CEB Study Bible portion. They will select verses from several passages for proclamation, derive a single focus from those verses, then create an outline or precis for proclaiming them.

The course is designed for Certified Lay Servants, LPs, PLPs, or associate members. However, anyone who preaches or teaches the Gospel may benefit.

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Honor Thy Father and Mother As They Age

July 14 - 26

Older adults dread the day when they have to turn in the car keys, acknowledge their infirmity, or leave a family home behind. They don't want to become a burden on their children or others. All of these

transitions may be happening to your parents. Right now.

No one can hide from aging—not your parents and not you — but you can plan for it. You can tackle aging as you've done with other challenges in your life and get through it with less fear and more hope.

You will leave this course with things to do, topics to discuss with your family, help for starting those discussions, and ways to build a supportive community for you and with your parents.

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Leading Worship (New Course)

July 14 - 25

Would you feel confident to lead worship if the pastor was ill? Does your church or district need Lay Servants to be regular or occasional worship leaders? Imagine confidently assisting with Holy Communion!

The "Leading Worship" course will use daily readings and discussion concerning the basic pattern of Christian worship and the dynamics of energy, presence, and flow. You will receive feedback on your informed practice and demonstration of leading worship, and will create four videos of yourself conducting worship. Through the process you will be under the guidance of an experienced BeADisciple instructor competent in worship leadership, study, and teaching online courses, with the goal of improving your competence and confidence as a worship leader.

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