

Kingdom Living I

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Purpose:

This course ties together the four years of Lancaster Mennonite School Bible curriculum. Recognizing that the Old Testament points to the coming of the kingdom of God in Jesus, the primary emphasis is on living in the Kingdom now. Students will grapple with values inherent in the Sermon on the Mount and God's will for peace and justice. They are challenged to do critical Biblical thinking related to Kingdom Living in the home, church, and world. The course is designed with the understanding that God calls us to be in but not of the world as the consummation of his kingdom is anticipated.

Texts:

The Bible
Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective

Topics of Study:

- A. God's desire for relationship with humanity based on the Old Testament narrative.
- B. A call to the values of the Sermon on the Mount.
- C. God wills peace and justice
- D. Kingdom values and vocation
- E. Kingdom values and home
- F. Expanding the kingdom through the Church
- G. The coming kingdom

General Expectations:

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| A. Daily Bible Reading | (5 % of grade) |
| B. Homework | (5 % of grade) |
| C. Participate in class discussion | (15% of grade) |
| D. Take quizzes | (5 % of grade) |
| E. Take Three Majors Tests | (10% of grade) |
| F. Write a 'Spiritual Autobiography; | (10% of grade) |
| G. Write a Confession of Faith | (40% of grade) |
| H. Pick an Option | (10% of grade) |

Spiritual Autobiography:

Students will write a grade 12 spiritual autobiography following the guidelines as presented in the 12th Grade Spiritual Autobiography Rubric. **Due February 13**

Confession of Faith:

Students will write a confession of faith statement, minimum two pages per section, to include:

1. Describe God-the Father, Son and Holy Spirit **Due March 20**
2. Include you view of the Bible and its influence on your life. **Due April 3**
3. Include a description of the Churches in your journey, their teaching, rules and worship **Due April 17**
4. Describe humankind in your spiritual journey, including your decision whether to be a disciple of Jesus Christ **Due May 1**
5. Identify at least one struggle or issue, past or present, in your spiritual journey. **Due May 15**

Pick an Option

From the list below chose one project **Due Date May 22**

1. I want to know more about project:

Students will complete two- three page report on a topic of their choice.

2. Video/Reading Report:

Read 200 pages or watch 4 hours of an approved book or video. Write a two page report which includes a review and critique of the work. Also include the Date Read, Author, Title, Publisher, Date of Publication, Number of Pages Read or Number of Hours and Minutes watched.

3. Deliberate Acts of Kindness:

Plan two deliberate acts of kindness that you will carry out this semester.

Each act of kindness will need a two page report which will include your strategy and result of the act of kindness.

Alternative response format

In stead of writing a paper or taking an exam you may create your own project.

There are a variety of types of projects that a student can do to meet the course requirement.

1. Creative writing poetry, journaling, limericks, research paper, book report.
2. Word puzzles, outlining, deciphering codes, create an exam, and create a game.
3. Painting, costumes, sculpture, designing, posters, video.
4. Drama, pottery, role playing, charades, wood project, food project.
5. Create a song, new words to a song, rap, musical composition, a tape of music
6. Cooperative learning project, collaborating project, and teach part of a lesson.
7. Identify the emotions of a Biblical character, silent reflection report, memorizing.

All create your own projects need to be typed and follow Lancaster Mennonite School writing guide lines. Writing projects need to be two pages in length. You need to have approval if you are going to do "a create your own project."

Guidelines for all projects

1. The preferred method to receive all work is type written hard copy.
3. If you submit work via the internet it should be in Microsoft Word format or RTF (rich text format)
4. Subject line should begin with your name.
5. Following your name should be Class in an abbreviated format. Examples:
Kingdom Living I (KLI) or Kingdom Living II (KLII).
6. Following the Class should be the Period.
7. Following the period should be the date.
8. Following the date should be the topic or project number.
9. The following are examples of how the subject line should read. **James Smith, KLI, Period 3, April 3, 2007, Bible**
10. All work is due on Tuesdays at midnight.
11. I expect that all work will be completed. That means work can be late. I take off for late work via your class participation grade. The guidance office has informed me that you must pass this class in order to graduate. If you receive a grade of F you will need to take the course again. What this means is you will have no missing assignments.