

Course Description

Course Number: BI 295

Course Title: Teaching the Bible to Youth

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Semester and Year: Spring 2024

1 credit hour. Elective. Fulfills the YCM requirement and may count toward a YCM concentration. Synchronous only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Many ministry leaders regard teaching the Bible to young people as a real challenge. This course aims to empower leaders to approach it with a more informed confidence. The course is oriented around informed reading and discussion about the cultural dynamics, theological commitments, and practical strategies that should inform our approach to youth ministry and leading Bible study among them specifically.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To identify cultural dynamics and challenges experienced by young people in American society today.
- To discern theological commitments for guiding our approaches to ministering to young people and teaching scripture among them.
- To learn strategies for helping young people engage the Bible in meaningful ways, and to assume leadership in teaching and practicing these strategies.

PROCEDURE:

The class meets weekly for presentation and seminar-styled discussion on specific readings and topics. A project of the student's choosing will be conducted and completed by the end of the course.

EVALUATION:

Weekly reading and discussion participation are core components to the course. Learners will also have leadership in facilitating class discussions and have opportunities to practice some of the ideas under consideration. Students will submit some written materials in conjunction with some of these discussions and learning opportunities.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

REQUIRED

Unpacking Scripture in Youth Ministry (A Theological Journey Through Youth Ministry)

By Andrew Root

• **ISBN-13:** 978-0310670797

<https://www.amazon.com/Unpacking-Scripture-Ministry-Theological-Journey/dp/0310670799>

The Godbearing Life (rev ed): The Art of Soul Tending in Youth Ministry

By Kenda Creasy Dean.

- **ISBN-13 :** 978-0835819978

RECOMMENDED:

The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry

Andrew Root and Kenda Creasy Dean

ISBN 978-0-8308-3825-7

https://www.amazon.com/Theological-Turn-Youth-Ministry-Author/dp/B00QAUONUM/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_1?dchild=1&keywords=andy+root+and+kenda+creasy+dean&qid=1585606322&s=books&sr=1-1-fkmr0