

# I. Course Categories

### **Core Classes**

The four core classes cover the most foundational and essential topics of Biblical Christianity. It's recommended that all who attend SMCC engage with these four courses.

- The Story of the Bible | a survey of the entire Bible, where it came from, and why it's reliable.
- Making Sense of the Bible | how to read and understand the Bible.
- What Christians Believe | a survey of the primary beliefs of biblical Christianity.
- Following Jesus | practical ways in which Christians follow Jesus.

Beyond the Four Core Classes, all other SMCC U offerings are organized into the following categories. These classes are designed to build upon the foundation laid by the initial core classes.

- **Bible Classes** | In-depth studies of both Old and New Testament scriptures to enhance biblical literacy and understanding.
- Christian Belief Classes | Explorations of key Christian doctrines, including salvation, the Trinity, and courses tailored for individuals transitioning from an LDS background.
- **Christian Living Classes** | Practical guidance on living out Christian faith in daily life, covering topics like setting boundaries, sharing faith, and leadership.

# **II.** Course Descriptions

### **Core Classes**

#### What Christians Believe

An exploration of the core beliefs held by Christians over the past 2000 years, using the Nicene Creed as a roadmap.

# • The Story of the Bible

A study on how the Bible was formed, the overarching narrative it presents, and its significance.

## Following Jesus

Insights into who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him, including the development of practical spiritual habits.

### Making Sense of the Bible

Techniques and approaches to studying and understanding the Bible independently.

# **Bible Classes**

Three New Testament and Three Old Testament classes cover the biblical writings in their entirety, offering a comprehensive and deep dive into each section of the biblical writings.

#### • The Gospels

A study on the nature of the Gospels, their message, and what they reveal about Jesus.

## Acts of the Apostles

A journey through the Book of Acts, the only historical record included in the New Testament. It records the history and development of the church in the 1st century.

#### New Testament Letters

An examination of the letters in the New Testament, understanding their encouragement to believers and insights into church participation.

## • The First Five

An in-depth survey of the five-book collection that lays the foundation for the entire Bible–Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

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## Writings of Good & Evil

An exploration of the concepts of good and evil as presented in the third section of the Old Testament.

## • Understanding Biblical Prophecy

An analysis of the Old Testament's collection of prophetic books to comprehend their origins, significance, and applications for today.

#### **Christian Belief Classes**

#### • Explain Your Faith

Develop the knowledge and skill set to confidently enter faith-related conversations, even with those who believe differently that you.

## • Turning Point

A course designed for those transitioning from an LDS background, which compares and contrasts LDS theology and doctrine with Biblical Christianity.

# **Christian Living Classes**

### Boundaries

This Gospel-inspired study helps individuals learn to establish healthy boundaries for themselves and with others.

#### Boundaries with Kids

This Gospel-inspired study helps parents learn how to establish healthy boundaries by learning when to say "Yes" and how to say "No."

## • Financial Peace University

In Financial Peace University, you'll learn the proven plan to help you keep a budget, beat debt, and build wealth!

### Biblical Leadership

Developing leadership skills within a Christian context to guide and support others in their faith journey.

For more detailed information, including class schedules and registration, please visit the <u>SMCC</u> <u>U official webpage</u>.