

All Nations Leadership Institute

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Doer of the Word

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46 KJV)

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (Jas 1:22).

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All Nations Leadership Institute Vision

Our focus is to prepare and equip ministerial leaders for the various roles and capacities of Christian service in an increasingly urbanized, diverse church and globalized community.

All Nations Leadership Institute Mission

In order to properly prepare and equip leaders, All Nations Leadership Institute provides learning experiences that are built on scriptural truths, using a conceptual framework of theory-to-practice and culturally-responsive teaching strategies.

Course Catalog Description

First-century Jewish Christians struggled with persevering through hardship, maintaining good works, promoting peace in their churches, and living patiently in anticipation of the Lord's return. They knew Jesus as the Way of life, but they needed a travel guide for walking that Way through life. This class focuses on authentic Christian living. It addresses cultivating mature faith within each Christian believer and deepens their understanding of the relationship between faith and works. In the midst of the struggles of everyday life, we can all use a dose of James' handson Christianity and become doers of the Word.

ASSIGNMENTS

All Nations Leadership Institute Policy

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

Attendance Guidelines

Class attendance contributes to the success of your learning experiences at ANLI. As our courses run six weeks in length, you should attend all of them. Even one missed class sets you behind in your studies. Upon the second absence, you must drop the class and retake it another time. You cannot attend further sessions during that specific block. Three late arrivals or early departures of more than ten minutes, in any combination, equal one absence.

Notes:

- If you are absent, make sure someone from class takes notes. ANLI posts all class
 documents on your course website. You still must turn in homework for the missed class on
 the due date.
- The teacher cannot assign points from a missed class because of nonparticipation in the weekly, in-class Activities. Conversely, the instructor will deduct points for late arrival or early departure.
- If you are running late to class or cannot attend a class session, please call (708) 385-6020, X113 or e-mail Pastor Debbie Strlek at debbiestrlek@msn.com.

Note:

- You must complete this class with a "C" or better for elder or pastoral ordination eligibility—AND—submit all assignments weekly as scheduled.
- All materials are due on the submittal date. Late results in the drop of one letter grade per week.

Inclement Weather

Beginning this year, if we have to close campus due to the weather, classes will resume on Zoom instead.

Note: Students often receive a low grade for homework due to not following its directions, submitting incomplete work, or turning in an assignment late. Following instructions, fully completing homework, and making deadlines demonstrate competencies critical to ministry leadership. Further, these competencies build skills for field application in ministry.

- Turn in all weekly assignments the following Thursday before class even if absent the prior week.
- Carefully read and reread the homework instructions, and then follow them.
- E-mail your homework to Pastor Pastor Pilota and a copy to Dr. Paron (janparon@gmail.com).

1. In-Class Activities (Weekly)

You will receive up to 10 participation points for each session. All students must fully prepare to participate in all class activities. <u>Missed in-class</u>, on-line activities cannot be made up. If you are late and/or leave early, the instructor will deduct participation points for that part of the session.

2. Exit Slip (Weekly 2-6)

The personal response is a reflection on weekly topic. This is an opportunity to share what you have learned and questions you might have. This assignment is not graded but a critically thought out response is expected each week as part of class participation.

3. Weekly Homework Projects (Due Weeks 2-6)

These projects include word studies and essays supporting your understanding of Doer of the Word. Assignment description and directions will be available weekly.

4. Illustrated, Word-for-Word Sermon Draft (Due session 4—Up to 75 points)

Turn in a sermon draft with an illustration and two to three, accompanying power point slides on session four. The draft will show exactly what you will say WORD-FOR-WORD in the actual sermon. Note your times throughout to help pace yourself.

Also, submit two to three power point slides fashioned as they would appear on the Jumbotron, noting each slides placement in the sermon. (Type your power point slides in Arial fonts.)

Additionally, describe your visual illustration and indicate where it appears in the sermon. Note: Your power point slides do not count as your illustration.

Pastor Pilota will provide feedback to you by session 5. His feedback will reflect sermon strengths, areas for revision, and possible clarification questions.

5. Sermon (Due Session 6)

The sermon will pertain to one aspect of being a doer of the Word from the Book of James as approved by Pastor Pilota. The sermon must not exceed five minutes.

Sermon Steps and Tips

Steps

- Remain sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Let His will be done, not yours.
- Start with the topic. The topic should support the subject of your sermon.
- Develop the topic and its central proposition. Keep it narrow. Allotted time goes by very quickly.
- Choose the scripture reading that supports the topic and premise.
- Select your sermon delivery style and type. Think about your audience. Know yourself. Work with your strengths and talents.

- Structure your text. Make sure your central proposition supports your outline and runs all the way through.
- Illustrate the central proposition thoroughly, but simply.
- When you deliver your sermon, bring life to your message and reflect life!

Grade Percentage and Corresponding Assignment Points

ANLI	100-	97-	92-	89-	86-	82-	79-	76-	72-	69-	66-	62-	59% &
Grading	98%	93%	90%	87%	83%	80%	77%	73%	70%	67%	63%	60%	below
Scale													
Grade/	A+	A	A-	B+	В	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
%													

Assignments, Due Dates, and Maximum Possible Points

Assignments	Due	Possible Pts.	Weight
In-Class Discussions (Class participation)	Sessions 1-6	Up to 60 points	7%
(10 points each)		total	
Weekly Homework (4)	Sessions 1-4	Up to 625	70%
3 Exegesis (75 points each) and		points total	
4 Essay (100 points each)			
Word-for-Word Sermon Draft	Session 4	Up to 60 points total	7%
Sermon	Session 6	Up to 150 points total	17%
Total Class Points		895 Points	

Course and Homework Schedule

Session Topic	Homework/Due Date					
Session 1						
Overview of the Book of James	Week One Homework Exit Slip 1					
Trials						
S	Session 2					
Hearing and Doing the Word of God	Week Two Homework					
	Exit Slip 2					
Session 3						
Faith and Works	Week Three Homework					
Controlling What You Say	Exit Slip 3					
S	ession 4					
Two Kinds of Wisdom	Week Four Homework					
True Submission to God	Exit Slip 4					
	Word-for-Word Sermon Draft and PPT Slides					
Session 5						
Patience and Suffering	Week Five Homework					
Power of Prayer and Reconciliation	Exit Slip 5					
Session 6						
I Am a Doer of the Word						
Sermon (Bring hard copy)						