

# **WESTERN SEMINARY SACRAMENTO**

## **LOVING GOD AND OTHERS**

**SFS 501M; 2 credit hours**

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## **SYLLABUS**

**Course Dates: Sept. 17; Oct 1, 15, 29; Nov 12,26**

**Time: 6-9:55 p.m.**

### **Course Description**

**SFS 501M Learning to Love God and Others.** The theological and practical dynamics of evangelical spirituality will be examined to provide a solid foundation for rich fellowship with the Triune God and for living out of the Great Commandments. The nature of spiritual maturity will be examined (including a biblically-balanced model of priorities) and practical experiences for nurturing that maturity will be provided.

### **Course Goals**

1. The student will understand the Biblical goal of discipleship.
2. The student will be able to define love and its applications.
3. The student will understand the major relationships of life and God's positive direction in each.
4. The student will be able to evaluate a Christian's progress towards real godliness.
5. The student will have practical Biblical tools to change people's lives for the better.
6. The student will have experienced the power of living Christ's love.
7. The student will work through the 10 major relationships in life and what God defines as the way to love the other person in that relationship.
8. The students will be presented with Biblical actions of love for each relationship in life and how to incorporate that into their lives.
9. The student will also be shown ways to develop new levels of love in others through the church.

### **Required Texts**

The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer

The Emotionally Healthy Church by Pete Scazzero

Becoming a Godly Husband by Gil Stieglitz

Becoming a Godly Wife by Gil and Dana Stieglitz

How to Win friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie

**Optional Workbook:**

Loving God and Others Workbook by Dr. Gil Stieglitz

Provided by the professor on the first day of class and filled out as the class progresses.

Cost \$ 20.00

\*\* Materials fee: 5 cents per page will be charged to each student's account for packets copied by the office for the class.

**Reading**

Assigned reading is listed in the course outline

According to Western Seminary standards there are two levels

**Familiarity level.** This level assumes knowledge of the material assigned and leads to accountability in class. (45 pages per hour).

**Mastery level.** Reading at this level will average about 20 pages per hour and assumes careful reflective interaction with the ideas, note taking, and will lead to accountability in class, and papers at a mastery level (1000 pages = 50 hours).

These are intended to serve as flexible guidelines or rules of thumb; they are not thought to be rigid. It is certainly understood that books are printed with varying numbers of words per page and written to varying reading levels.

Each assignment **should be completed before the class session** so that you will be able to participate in and benefit from the class discussions.

The material will be read on the Familiarity level.



Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Pete Scazzero

The Friendship Factor by Alan McGinnis

**Course Requirements:**

1. Fill out a Major Relationships Loving Actions Sheet each week
2. Attend all scheduled classes.
3. Practice one new aspect of love after each lecture on a new relationship.
4. Write a one page reaction to what took place when you added this new element of love.
5. Read **Knowledge of the Holy** before the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of class.
6. Write a one page summary of **Knowledge of the Holy**.
7. Read **The Emotionally Healthy Church** by the 3<sup>rd</sup> session.
8. Write a one page reaction to **The Emotionally Healthy church** by the 3<sup>rd</sup> session.
9. Read **Becoming a Godly Husband** and **Becoming a Godly Wife** before the 4<sup>th</sup> session.
10. Write a one page paper on each book due by the 4<sup>th</sup> session on **Becoming a Godly Husband** and **Becoming a Godly Wife**.
11. Read **How to win friends and Influence People** by the 6<sup>th</sup> session.
12. Write a one page reaction to **How to Win Friends and Influence People** by the 6<sup>th</sup> Session.

**Grade: The grade is pass or fail.**