



BLC Becoming Like Christ

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

1. **Pressing Into the Heart of God** (10 weeks)

Reading: My Heart Christ's Home (Robert Munger); The Tyranny of the Urgent (Charles E. Hummel); The Pursuit of God (A.W. Tozer)

We begin by developing a deep, daily relationship with Jesus which involves trust, devotions, prayer, and sharing with our sisters about Jesus. We discover that we do not relate to God based on performance or head knowledge, but in love, intimacy and worship. This mutual relationship is our joy and strength, and our top priority as a follower of Christ.

2. **Exchanged Life** (9 weeks)

Reading: The Transforming Power of the Gospel (Jerry Bridges)

This study is based on Romans 6-8 and 2 Corinthians 2-6. Here we seek to look at the essence of a dependent relationship on God. God has revealed His truth through the Bible (and His personal leading). We seek to act upon that truth by choosing to follow it through His power. We exchange our weak inability to live the Christian life for His power working in us. We can live victoriously. This "Resurrection Living" is the foundational principle for all the modules in BLC.

Through our reading material, we emphasize removing our "masks" before God and others; discovering areas of self-deception and learning to receive God's unconditional and complete love for us.

3. **Made for Relationship** (10 weeks, 9 weeks of study plus a flex week for retreat)

Reading: The Meaning of Marriage (Tim Keller)

Jesus longs to reclaim everything the enemy has stolen from his beloved children; that includes relationships, identity, and authority over the earth, sin, and death. God didn't create you to limp through life under the burden of sin. We were made for relationships with God, with Jesus, and with other people made in God's image. During this module we study the Biblical formation of woman, how to knock down idols in our lives, and about the living the exchanged life in our many relationships. We study about God's design for sex, as well as marriage, singleness, forgiveness, and humility.

4. **How to Study the Bible** (7 weeks)

Video: Hal Hadden Instruction with Kim Jensen

We learn the skills needed to study and discuss the messages of the Bible for ourselves. We learn how to observe the content, interpret it and apply it. This may be a challenge for novice Bible students, but all are rewarded with new study abilities and perspective on reading the Scriptures.

5. **I Call You Friend** (7 weeks)

Reading: Avoiding the 12 Relationship Mistakes Women Make (Georgia Shaffer)

God has designed us to be relational and stand together as friends and sisters during good times and hard times. We learn how to embrace who we are and expand our hearts in loving others.

6. **How to Teach the Bible** (8 weeks)

Reading: Teaching to Change Lives (Howard Hendricks)

As we follow Christ, we may have opportunities to teach the Bible to our children, friends, or church women's group. To prepare for these ministry possibilities, we will learn the techniques of putting together a discussion-based Bible lesson. To practice new skills, each group member will lead teaching sessions within the BLC group. While some may have more experience or feel more equipped in this area, everyone will be blessed by building upon their existing study skills and applying the basics of simple teaching methods.

7. **Apologetics** (8 weeks)

Reading: Good Faith (David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons)

No matter your starting point of biblical knowledge, you will be equipped to answer the ten most asked questions by people (including yourself). Be prepared to handle questions such as "Is Jesus the only way to heaven?" and "What about the person in China that never heard of Jesus?" The ability to answer these inquiries is called "apologetics" or defending what you believe.

8. **Discipleship** (6 weeks)

Reading: Questioning Evangelism (Randy Newman)

In BLC we learn how to build a positive relationship with an unbeliever and, when it is appropriate, share with her how she can know God personally. Someone called this "lifestyle evangelism." After a person begins a relationship with God, they need to be trained to be a disciple. BLC will also teach you how to lead a disciple.

9. **Becoming a Person of Influence** (8 weeks)

Reading: Life Keys: Discovering Who You Are (Jan Kise, David Stark, Sandra Hirsh)

How has God put you together and used your experiences to develop you as a leader? We will look at your natural gifts, temperaments, spiritual gifts, passions, values and how God might want to use you for His purposes. We will look at these topics in the biblical context of Nehemiah's business plan for rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem.

10. **Money or the Master** (6 weeks)

Reading: Money, Possessions and Eternity (Randy Alcorn)

We will examine all aspects the Bible teaches about money including success, borrowing, giving, co-signing, etc. We will discuss the on-going battle of serving only one Master regarding our possessions and be challenged with a new passion for stewardship.

11. **Business by the Book** (9 weeks)

Reading: Leadership as an Identity (Crawford Loritts)

We look at the general principles of one's calling, work/leisure, ownership, management, and integrity.

12. **Engaging Your Culture** (8 weeks)

Reading: Radical (David Platt)

We see Jesus not only addressing the spiritual needs of mankind, but also the social needs. We will look at showing mercy and how to get involved in the many needs in our communities, such as the poor, homeless, AIDS victims, etc. We will also examine the topic of race reconciliation.

BLC is a two-year equipping program designed for Christian women and delivered in the format of twelve women meeting weekly. (Some groups choose to follow the school-year calendar, taking summers off, so will spend three years on their BLC journey.) The program consists of a delicate balance of intentional relationship-building and twelve modules of a core curriculum. Because of the importance of both elements, BLC, Inc. respectfully asks that this course be taught the way it was meant to be used and the way it has been successfully employed for many years.

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