**TJC Pastoral Residency Syllabus**

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**Time:** Monday at 6-7:30 pm.

**Location:** TJC Equip Room

**Residency Description**

The purpose of TJC’s Pastoral Residency Program is to train, equip and help discern the call of godly men who are called to the work of pastoral ministry. This course will include in-person development, on the ground ministry practice and personal evaluations. The residency is not only for men called to be lead pastors. This is elder training.

**Learning Outcomes**

By investing in this program, and completing the assigned work, the resident should be able to:

1. Understand the nature and necessity of replanting dying churches.
2. Understand the basic mechanics of expository preaching and teaching.
3. Understand how to biblically shepherd the flock of God entrusted to them.
4. Operate on an elder team in a church plant or replant situation.

**Textbooks**

* Fall Reading
	+ Reclaiming Glory, Clifton
	+ Christ Centered Preaching, Chappell
	+ On Being a Pastor, Prime and Begg
* Spring Reading
	+ Called to Preach, Lawson
	+ The Church, Dever
	+ Autopsy of a Deceased Church, Rainer

**Course Requirements**

1. **Reading**

Each resident must complete the required reading and submit a reading report at the end of each semester.

1. **Writing**

Each resident must write a two-page summary of each required textbook including applications learned.

1. **Class Participation**

Each resident must attend the in-person classes on Monday nights from 6-7:30 pm (unless providentially hindered), give attention to the lecture material and take notes.

1. **Visit a Dying Church**

Each resident will visit a dying church each semester (two visits total). He will then write a 2–3-page summary of the visit and ministry applications.

1. **Ministry work**

Each resident is expected to lead, teach, and shepherd a group of Christians each semester. These groups should be focused on fellowship, Bible study and prayer. The purpose of these groups is to demonstrate that the resident can lead, teach, and cultivate growth within his group. The resident will submit a plan for this group on 8/20 and the group should start no later than 9/11. The group will meet through the course of the entire residency.

**Class Schedule**

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| **Date**  | **Discussion Topic**  |
| 8/7 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 1 & 2 |
| 8/14 | Pastoring Cohort 1 |
| 8/21 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 3 & 4 |
| 8/28 | Preaching Cohort 1 |
| 9/4  | **Off Labor Day** |
| 9/11 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 5 & 6 |
| 9/18 | Pastoring Cohort 2 |
| 9/25 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 7 & 8 |
| 10/2 | Preaching Cohort 2 |
| 10/9 | **Off Fall Break**  |
| 10/16 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 9 & 10 |
| 10/23 | Pastoring Cohort 3 |
| 10/30 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 11 & 12 |
| 11/6 | Preaching Cohort 3 |
| 11/13 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 13 & 14 |
| 11/20 | Pastoring Cohort 4 |
| 11/27 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 15 & 16 |
| 12/4 | Preaching Cohort 4 |
| 12/11 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 17 & 18 |
| 12/18 | **Off Christmas Break** |
| 12/25 | **Off Christmas Break** |
| 1/1 | **Off Christmas Break** |
| 1/8 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 19 & 20 |
| 1/15 | Pastoring Cohort 5 |
| 1/22 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 21 & 22 |
| 1/29 | Preaching Cohort 5 |
| 2/5 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 23 & 24 |
| 2/12 | Pastoring Cohort 6 |
| 2/19 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 25 & 26 |
| 2/26 | Preaching Cohort 6 |
| 3/4  | **Off Spring Break**  |
| 3/11 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 27 & 28 |
| 3/18 | Pastoring Cohort 7 |
| 3/25 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 29 & 30 |
| 4/1 | Preaching Cohort 7 |
| 4/8 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 31 & 32 |
| 4/15 | Pastoring Cohort 8 |
| 4/22 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 33 & 34 |
| 4/29 | Preaching Cohort 8 |
| 5/6 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 35 & 36 |
| 5/13 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 37 & 38 |
| 5/20 | Replant/Revitalization Cohort 39 & 40 |

**Additional Information**

1. By joining the residency, TJC is not guaranteeing that you will be commissioned or sent out as an elder or pastor in a church plant or replant. Acceptance into the program is also not an endorsement of your qualifications for pastoral ministry (1 Tim. 3:1-7, Titus 1:3-7).
2. The resident director reserves the right to edit the syllabus at any point during the program.
3. If the resident desires to be endorsed by TJC as a church re-planter, elder or pastor in any capacity, additional assessments will be required.