**TJC Pastoral Residency Syllabus**

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**Time:** Wednesday at 5:15-6:15

**Location:** The Journey Church

**Residency Description**

The purpose of TJC’s Pastoral Residency Program is to train, equip and assist godly men who are discerning their calling 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 and revitalizing 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, revitalization, or replant situation.

**Textbooks**

* Fall Reading
  + Reclaiming Glory, Clifton
  + Autopsy of a Deceased Church, Rainer
  + The Church, Dever
* Spring Reading
  + Called to Preach, Lawson
  + Christ Centered Preaching, Chappell
  + The Shepherd Leader, Witmer

**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 in-person classes (unless providentially hindered), give attention to the lecture material, and take notes. To complete the course, the resident cannot miss more than two classes per semester.

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. Additionally, the resident will ask to meet the pastor and request to meet for lunch or coffee to learn more about him and his ministry.

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 at the beginning of each semester and the group should start no later than three weeks after the first class. The group will meet through the course of the entire residency.

1. **Preaching**

In the second semester, each student will preach a sermon to his peers from a text selected by the class leader.

**Class Schedule**

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| **Date** | **Discussion Topic** |
| 8/7 | Understanding Church Revitalization Part I |
| 8/14 | Understanding Church Revitalization Part II |
| 8/21 | Understanding Church Revitalization Part III |
| 8/28 | Understanding Church Revitalization Part IV |
| 9/4 | Understanding Church Revitalization Part V |
| 9/11 | Understanding Church Revitalization Part VI |
| 9/18 | Understanding Church Revitalization Part VII |
| 9/25 | Understanding Church Revitalization Part VIII |
| 10/2 | **Off Fall Break** |
| 10/9 | **Off Fall Break** |
| 10/16 | Understanding Church Leadership Part I |
| 10/23 | Understanding Church Leadership Part II |
| 10/30 | Understanding Church Leadership Part III |
| 11/6 | Understanding Church Leadership Part IV |
| 11/13 | Understanding Church Leadership Part V |
| 11/20 | Understanding Church Leadership Part VI |
| 11/27 | Understanding Church Leadership Part VII |
| 12/4 | Understanding Church Leadership Part VIII |
| 12/11 | **Off Christmas Break** |
| 12/18 | **Off Christmas Break** |
| 12/25 | **Off Christmas Break** |
| 1/1 | **Off Christmas Break** |
| 1/8 | Biblical Preaching Part I |
| 1/15 | Biblical Preaching Part II |
| 1/22 | Biblical Preaching Part III |
| 1/29 | Biblical Preaching Part IV |
| 2/5 | Biblical Preaching Part V |
| 2/12 | Biblical Preaching Part VI |
| 2/19 | Biblical Preaching Part VII |
| 2/26 | Biblical Preaching Part VIII |
| 3/4 | **Off Spring Break** |
| **3/11** | **Off Spring Break** |
| 3/18 | Biblical Shepherding Part I |
| 3/25 | Biblical Shepherding Part II |
| 4/1 | Biblical Shepherding Part III |
| 4/8 | Biblical Shepherding Part IV |
| 4/15 | Biblical Shepherding Part V |
| 4/22 | Biblical Shepherding Part VI |
| 4/29 | Biblical Shepherding Part VII |
| 5/3 | Biblical Shepherding Part VIII |

**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 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 a church re-planter, elder or pastor in any capacity, additional assessments will be required.
4. This is a pass or fail course. To pass, the resident must complete all the assigments listed above. Failure to do so will result in an incomplete or failed grade.