



Watermark U

Engage the mind. Transform the heart. Empower the Body.

Educational Philosophy: The goal of Watermark U is to promote academic study within our congregation, not simply to gain knowledge, but to participate in God's Kingdom. It is not a transfer of information, but rather an all-out transformation to better equip the saints to live out the church's mission of making disciples who make disciples.

General Format: Each Institute will contain 5 modules of content, require 50 hours of time over the year, and will result in a CEU certificate that can be used for continuing education purposes. *Please note- these are non-credit bearing certificates.*

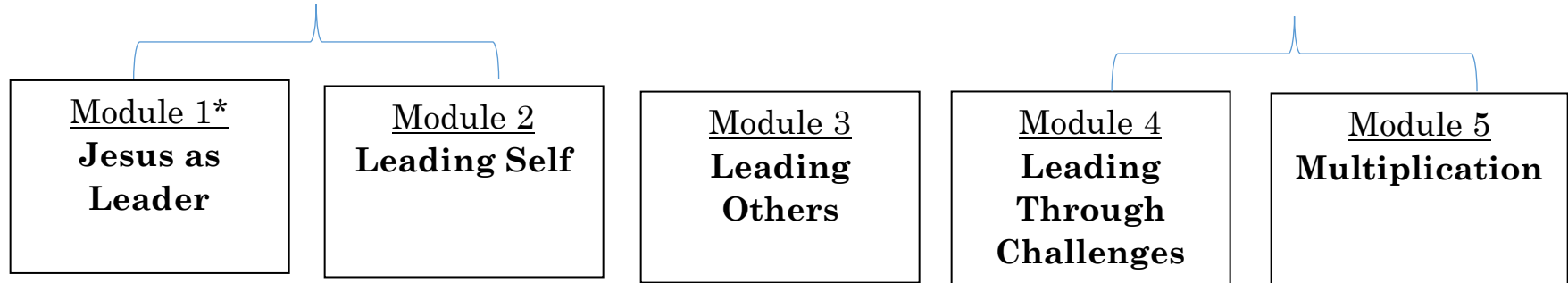
Each Institute will begin with a weekend retreat where participants will hear from Asbury professors in person, discuss content with other participants and engage in personal reflection. Throughout the year, participants will then meet in small groups with a facilitator to engage with the content in a video format and discuss with their group. There is also a fall retreat where, once again, Asbury professors will be on campus to teach.

The Institutes will begin January 25, 2019 with the opening retreat and conclude on the evening of November 21, 2019. We will break for the summer.

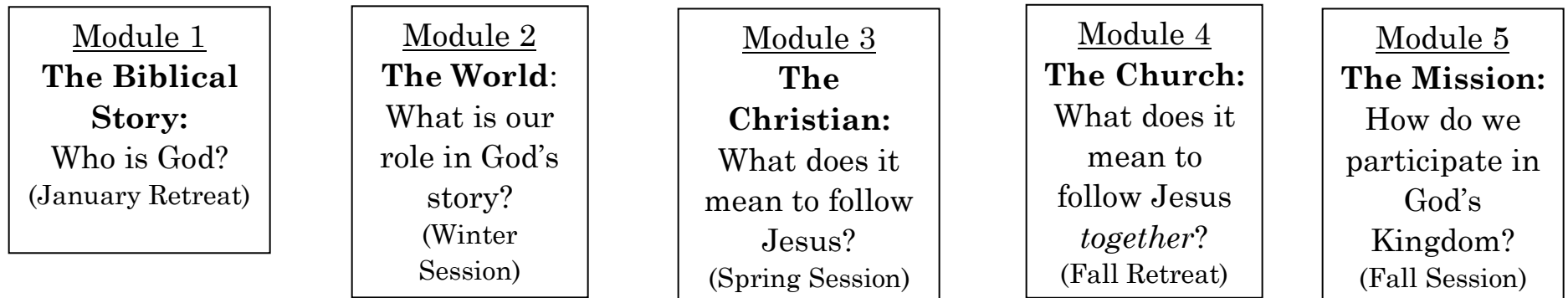
Leadership Institute

First half of modules 1 & 2 at January retreat, second half in small groups throughout the spring session.

First half of modules 4 & 5 at fall retreat, second half in small groups throughout the fall session.



Theology Institute



*Each module = 10 hours

Watermark U FAQs

How much will this cost? Are there any discounts or financial aid available?

The cost is \$650 per person, which can either be paid in full or in five installments of \$130 throughout the year. There are three possible discounts:

- \$50 off for paying in full
- \$50 for registering and paying (at least first installment) by December 1st, 2018.

SO, if you register and pay in full by December 1st, 2018, you get \$100 off!

The registration deadline for all participants is January 11, 2019.

What are the time and days of meetings?

Thursday evenings, from 7-8:30pm.

The dates are as follows:

1) Kick-off Retreat: Friday, January 25th 6-9pm and Saturday, January 26th 9am-4pm

Payment due: January 1, 2019

2) Winter Session: January 31, February 7, 14, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28

Payment due: February 15, 2019

3) Spring Session: April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Payment due: April 15, 2019

Break for summer

4) Fall Retreat: October 4th-5th

Payment due: September 15, 2019

5) Fall Session: October 10, 17, 24, 31 November 7, 14, 21

Payment due: October 15, 2019

Are there any qualifications or prerequisites one must meet in order to participate?

This is open to anyone in our congregation, including middle and high school students who are spiritually mature enough to handle the time commitment and content. Before participating in either Institute, a person must first attend a 2.5 hour training on disciple making. There will be multiple opportunities to complete this training before the January launch date.

Will this be open to people from other churches?

We will offer it to our congregation first. If there is still room, we will open it to other churches.

Can this be turned into graduate classes? No. These are non-credit bearing certificates.

Can this lead into being an ordained minister? Not at this time, although we are in discussion with the denomination about the possibility of this counting toward the ministerial student requirements for the Wesleyan denomination.

Are all five modules (winter and fall retreats, as well as winter, spring and fall sessions) required? Is there an attendance policy?

Yes, in order to receive the certificate from Asbury that can be used for continuing education credits (CEUs) one must participate in all five modules and attend 80% of the meetings.

Is there an online option or hybrid (blended online and in person) option?

At this point, no, but we are looking into that for the future.

Can I do both the leadership and theology tract simultaneously?

No, they are offered at the same time.

Will there be exams involved? How many hours outside of the 50 module hours are required for homework? What will homework consist of (reading, interpretation, essays, etc.)?

There will be some written work in the form of personal reflection, but no exams or papers. There is little to no homework, though a list of suggested readings to enhance your experience can be provided.

Will childcare be available?

No, childcare is not available at this time. However, if you need childcare reimbursement, please let us know and we will have you fill out a form to apply.

How online savvy does one have to be in order to get the full experience of participating in this class?

Participants will have access to an app called Canvas, which is Asbury's learning management system. If the participant chooses to use it, it is very easy to navigate.

Will courses be offered again at a future time in case we are unable to participate this year?

Yes, we are planning on offering them next year as well.

Who will the facilitators be? Who would I contact if I am interested in facilitating?

Facilitators will be trained people from our own congregation. Contact Becky Beers at bbeers@watermarkwesleyan.com if interested.

How will this experience compare with that of someone going for his/her Masters in Divinity or Theology?

The Institutes are non-credit bearing, certificate level programs designed with lay people in mind. They do not *nearly* reflect the amount of reading, writing or intensive learning required for a Masters level course.

Once someone goes through the modules, what does success look like? In other words, how will the training translate into action?

Leadership Institute

Overall goal: For believers to **identify where they have influence**, how to **increase that influence** and how to **use that influence to participate in God's Kingdom by making disciples who make disciples**.

Outcomes: After completing this institute, participants will be able to:

- define what Christ-centered leadership looks like
- identify personal leadership skills
- identify areas of existing influence in their lives
- increase influence in those areas and generate influence in other areas where it is non-existent
- understand how to lead when they're not in charge
- lead him/herself and others through change, conflict and the unknown.

- understand and integrate a model of reproduction using the spiritual growth stages as a guide (infant, child, young adult, and parent).

Theology Institute

Overall goal: For participants to **learn the Story of God through his Word**, **recognize how that story informs their theology** and **live out that theology in all aspects of life with the goal of participating in God's Kingdom by making disciples who make disciples**.

Outcomes: After completing this institute, participants will be able to:

- better understand who God is and how he reveals himself
- recognize how God is working in the world, and how they are to partner with him.
- identify and implement individual spiritual disciplines
- appreciate the importance of the Church and their place in it
- widen their Kingdom vision and what that means as a disciple who makes disciples
- understand and integrate a model of reproduction using the spiritual growth stages as a guide (infant, child, young adult, and parent).

The training will translate into action as participants recognize how they have grown through the course, and meet with facilitators and church leaders to determine next steps within their families, communities and Watermark Wesleyan. One of the purposes of the facilitated small group format is to encourage accountability and growth together in order for transformation and action to occur.