

Stepping Up

Class Syllabus

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Grade Level: 12
Course Length: One year

COURSE PHILOSOPHY AND DESCRIPTION

Stepping Up is a Bible elective for Senior boys designed to equip them to act like men (1 Cor. 16:13-14) in pursuing righteousness and fleeing youthful lust (1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22) in order to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness (Titus 2:2). This will be accomplished through participation in a weekly bible study, accountability groups, watching various videos, reading selected books, and participating in service projects throughout the year. First semester will have a focus on what biblical manhood looks like and how to be a godly man who is able to be a leader in church and their community. Second semester will have a focus on preparing for marriage where we will take a look at the war over the worship of our heart and we will find that it is not until we worship God correctly will we be able to love as we should.

OBJECTIVES

Students will ...

- A. Students will learn how to prepare and lead a bible/ book study.
- B. Watch various videos and read books that address different issues they will face in life in order to prepare them to be leaders.
- C. Develop a servant's heart through participation in service projects.
- D. Cultivate identified life skills
- E. Keep one another accountable in an accountability group.
- F. Identify key principles in Scripture and how those principles can be applied to all areas of their lives.

COURSE OUTLINE

1st Semester

1 Samuel; *Stepping Up* curriculum; Don't Waste Your Life

2nd Semester

1 & 2 Timothy; *Ready to Wed* curriculum; The Enemy Within

TEXTBOOK & MATERIALS

- **iPad and apps:** ESV Bible, Kindle iBooks, Google Drive, Google classroom
- **Books required:**
 - *Don't Waste Your Life* (PDF open iBooks)
 - *The Enemy Within* (kindle \$2.99)
- **Required Accounts:** Renweb; Google Drive
- **Video Series used in class:** *Stepping up* and *Ready to Wed*
- **Movies shown in class:** *God is Not Dead*; *Insanity of God*; *Courageous*; *Fireproof*; *Counseling care for pornography* (counseling observation)
- **Service projects:** Students will be required to participate in 5 hours of service work each semester.

GRADING

- Tests 45%
 - Homework (Bible study, Book study guides, 50 Topics, etc.) 50%
 - Student Conduct 5%
- A Conduct grade will be accessed at the end of each week (5 points). There will be 1 point subtracted for each tardy, iPad not in use, not working on class assignments, and any handbook violations while in class.
- Extra Credit- Students can complete sermon note forms for extra credit. Sermon notes can be from a service at Church or a Youth Group meeting not from watching on the Internet. Students can receive 1pt for each sermon they take notes using the form provided. If the student completes 2 forms (4 sermons) they will receive the maximum of 10pts for that quarter of extra credit towards homework.

Class Policies

- Make sure your iPad has enough charge for the class period; a non-working or missing iPad will result in missing materials. You are to keep your iPad flat on your desk at all times allowing the screen to be visible to the teacher. Any non-class related apps are to be closed. You are to use your iPad for class purposes only. Student will receive possible demerits and a deduction to their conduct grade for any iPad infractions.
- Cell phones are to be turned off and placed in the phone carrier in the back of the room in assigned number. Any inappropriate use of phone may result in demerits.
- A student is tardy if he/she is not in his/her seat when the tardy bell rings. When the tardy bell rings the student is to be quiet, prepared, and ready for class to start.
- Bathroom is to be used during breaks. If you need to use the bathroom for an emergency please do so without disturbing the class. Frequent use of the bathroom will result in parents being contacted.
- Because this class will be highly interactive and group discussions centered on the homework assignments need to be uploaded to the appropriate location on the assigned day before 8:30am. I encourage you to submit assignments early in case of any issues you may or may not have.
- Bible/Book study assignments can be submitted after 8:30am (with a min. deduction of 5pts) but must be submitted before class starts. After class starts no points will be given. Merritt passes will only be accepted if the assignment is completed and submitted prior to class starting. Projects and other assignments a minimum of half credit will be given for late work and it must be turned in by the following day by 8:30am, any time after and no points will be given.
- Homework assignments are to be your own work and not the work of another. Students who are caught plagiarizing will receive a zero on the assignment and receive demerits. Some examples of what is considered plagiarism: copying information from a website and turning it in as your own, copying another student's work, or collaborating on an assignment outside of class. DO NOT send an assignment to another student as it may either lead to plagiarism or give the impression that cheating did take place. Students found plagiarizing may result in 35 demerits and a zero for receiving the answer; those providing the answer may result in 20 demerits.
- Students can do one retake of the 50 topics quiz in order to better their score during devotions on the block day following taking the quiz. If they better their score it will replace the previous quiz.
- Unplanned Absence (illness, death in family, unforeseen circumstance):
 - *If a student is absent the day of a test due to illness or bereavement on the day of a test/ quiz the student will be required to take the test the first day back.*
 - *If a student has unplanned absence the day before a test/ quiz the student will be asked to take the test/ quiz the day of return. No new information is covered the day before a test and what to study will be on Renweb.*
 - *If the student has an unplanned absence for two or more days before a test/ quiz arrangements will be made upon return to take the test/ quiz.*
 - *As stated above Turnitin assignments are expected to be submitted unless to ill to do so.*
- Planned Absences
 - *Schoolwork must be made up in advance or as prescribed by the teacher. If no arrangements are made in advance no homework or tests will be made up for credit.*
- School-Related Absences
 - *When a student is absent from a class for a game, field trip, retreat, concert, tour, etc., they are responsible for making arrangements with his teachers for all tests, quizzes and assignments that are due and to find out any new assignments BEFORE he has permission to leave.*
 - *Activity clearance forms may not be signed until all assignments are completed or if the student currently has a failing grade.*
 - *If no arrangements are made in advance a quiz will receive a zero and a test will be deducted 5 points from the score.*
- If you know you will be missing a portion of the class period, please communicate with me ahead of time to discuss what you will be missing.
- You are to follow all the school guidelines given in the handbook. This also includes no food or drinks (except water) allowed in the classroom.
- Final Exams: All students are expected to take final exams. The exception to this rule is for second semester seniors who have maintained at least a B for the third and fourth quarters in individual classes. At the teacher's discretion, these students may be exempt from taking the final exam in those classes. Students are encouraged to take the final exam if they can improve a B to an A.

Bible Study

During the course of the year we will be studying 1 Samuel 1st semester and 1 & 2 Timothy second semester. In studying these two books the goals are for students to learn how to examine the text, relate to the text to their lives, and teach the text to others.

For the first semester study of 1 Samuel I will be providing the study questions for each section of 1 Samuel we will be studying for each week. For the second semester study of 1 & 2 Timothy I will be providing a template of questions for you to answer each week of the section we will be studying each week. These assignments will be out of 10 points each week and is based in the percentage of work completed. The student will want to save each of their assignments in a separate document prior to submitting for the class discussions and for the test.

Each week students will get in small groups (approx. 4 students that are assigned) and a different student each week will lead the others students in the study of that text for the week. Students are to use the questions provided as well as additional questions or information they decide to bring to the study. Students will be given a grade each quarter on their leading the group (20 minutes minimum) in the study for 10 points. Students will not be able to receive credit for leading the group if they have not completed the questions by the time they are due.

Book Study

We will be reading two books during the course of the year along with completing study guide questions for these books. For the first semester we will be reading "Don't Waste Your Life" by John Piper. For the second semester we will be reading "The Enemy Within" by Kris Lundgaard. The school will provide a digital copy of the book for you to keep. The study guide questions for both these books will be provided for you to answer and to be graded each week for a maximum of 10 points quarter and is based on the percentage of work completed. The student will want to save each of their assignments in a separate document prior to submitting for the class discussions and for the test.

Each week students will get in small groups (that are assigned) and a different student each week will lead the student in the study of that text for the week. Students are to use the questions provided as well as additional questions or information they decide to bring to the study. Students will be given a grade each quarter on their leading the group (20 min. minimum) in the study for 10 points. Students will not be able to receive credit for leading the group if they have not completed the questions by the time they are due.

Video Curriculum

Throughout the course of the year we will be using two different video curriculum's which we will be watching in class. The first semester we will be using "Stepping Up" and the second semester "Ready to Wed". For each session there will be questions for you to answer in response to watching the video. We will discuss as a class the questions after watching the session and test questions will come from these questions. Some sessions will have a homework assignment associated with the video and students will be able to find those assignments in the notes for that video.

If you are absent for a session of the video you will be required to meet with another student in the class and have him go over the sections that were covered in the video. You are not to copy their notes. Your answers should still reflect your thoughts from the content of the video.

Personal Improvement

Once a week we will be having a personal improvement day. On these days we will be doing a variety of activities and tasks. We will do a variety of topical lessons in Proverbs, time will be given to learn some task that will help the student as they go on their own (auto maintenance, prepare for a job interview, give a devotion, plan a vacation and prepare a meal).

There will be 5 hours of volunteer service work that will be required each semester (examples: church volunteer work, helping a neighbor move or work around their home, Walnut Creek marathon). Feel free to talk to me if you have any questions about completing these hours.

Finally, we will use these days to take the 50 topics quiz and tests that we will have. A one-time retake for the 50 topics will be offered the block day following the first opportunity given.

If there are notes or worksheets needed to be completed for these "personal improvement" assignments you will be able to find them in the shared Google drive folder.