

# MONTE VISTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## BIBL8 018 Bible 8

Jeffrey Jones, Instructor

### Course Syllabus

#### Course Description:

In this course we will look at the life of Jesus as told by the Gospel of John. 8th grade is a time of transition and change, where students are beginning the road to adulthood. Students are discovering who they are and what they believe. They are asking questions about how they should live their lives and about faith (Is God real? Does God care? Why do bad things happen? Do my choices matter? What is my purpose in the world?). The gospel of John will serve as an anchor as we explore these questions alongside an examination of the life of Jesus.

#### Curricular Mapping:

In 6<sup>th</sup> grade students focus on their relationship with God, in 7<sup>th</sup> their relationship with others. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students focus on their relationship to the world. While encountering the Gospel of John, students will learn from the example of Jesus how to make a positive impact on the wider world. They will also learn how to read Bible stories in context, discover their meaning and significance, and make appropriate application to their personal lives.

#### School Objectives/ESLRs (Expected Schoolwide Learning Results)

Faculty and student emphasis for 2015-16 will be on our Spiritual ESLR as seen below.

#### Spiritual ESLR

Graduates of Monte Vista Christian School are able to articulate a comprehensive understanding of reality based on the teaching of the Bible. At the time of graduation, Monte Vista students:

- A. Have accepted or been challenged to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and express a commitment to ongoing spiritual development.
- B. Are able to describe the character of God and can articulate what it means to be a Christian through an oral or written assessment given yearly,
- C. Invest themselves in the ownership of their school and create solutions fitted to their generation based on Biblical principles.
- D. Serve in the local and global community through missions and humanitarian service.
- E. Have a core knowledge of the Bible, and can interpret current world events through a historical and Biblical perspective.
- F. Exhibit knowledge and understanding of other religions and belief systems.

#### Course Objectives:

Upon the successful completion of this course the student will be able:

1. To understand the Gospel of John, its message and themes.

2. To read Scripture in context, discover meaning, and make appropriate personal application.
3. To apply ethical principles taught in John to real world issues and problems.

Texts:

"Bible" app for iPad by LifeChurch.tv (Free)

Course Outline: TBD

Requirements:

1. Bring iPad everyday to class.
2. Be prepared to contribute, collaborate, and create.
3. Follow school guidelines as laid out in Parent/Student Handbook.

Grading:

45% Assignments & Participation

55% Assessments & Projects

Class Policies:

Students are expected to be disciplined, organized and responsible, while maintaining respect for and showing kindness to fellow students, the instructor, and the school's property.

School Policies

Students are subject to all academic policies of the school as printed in the Academic Catalog and Student Handbook. Furthermore, it is each student's responsibility to read and follow all academic policies of the school.

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Terms of Agreement

Terms:

This syllabus is a contract between the instructor and the student with a parent/guardian witness. As an instructor of this course, I am committed to abiding by this syllabus. As a student of this course, you also are expected to abide by this syllabus.

As a student of this course, I have read and agree to abide by the guidelines, policies, and agreements stated in this syllabus.

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Printed Student Name

Signature

Date

As the parent/guardian, I have read and agree to support this syllabus in an effort to follow the guidelines, policies, and agreements stated in this syllabus.

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Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Date

