

EFCA District:

Site Name:

Class Day & Time:

GATEWAY: Sample of Syllabus, Revision 3

	Orientation		Date:	Location:	Time:
Class	Article of Faith	Scriptures	Sources to Consult & Readings	Form a Response to Questions Issues	Assignments
1	<p>GOD We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah 40:25 • Gen. 1:1 • Deut. 6:5 • John 1:3 • Isaiah 57:15 • Genesis 1:26 • John 5:26 • Matt. 5:48 • Matt. 28:19 • Isaiah 63:9 • Gen. 11:7 • Gen. 3:22 • Jn.16:13-15 	<p>1. Article 1 <i>Evangelical Convictions</i></p> <p>2. Chapters 4 to 7 <i>Bible Doctrine</i>" by W. Grudem</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does it mean that God is creator and why is it important? Include your view of creation. 2. Explain your understanding of the being of God and the doctrine of the Trinity, including your understanding of the attributes of God. 3. Why is it necessary, or important, to have a working understanding of the nature and attributes of God? 4. What does it mean that God has "limitless knowledge and sovereign power" and what is its significance? 5. <p>(Make sure you cite Scripture.)</p>	<p>Facilitator: Co-Facilitator: Date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write your paper for Article #1 2. Make an arrangement with your pastor to create a plan to teach this article in your local church
2	<p>THE BIBLE We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Peter 1:21 • 2 Tim. 3:16 • Psalms 12:6 • Prov. 30:5 • Ps. 119:89, 96 • Num. 23:19 • Titus 1:2 • Matt. 24:35 	<p>1. Article 2 <i>Evangelical Convictions</i></p> <p>2. Chapters 1 to 3 <i>of Bible Doctrine</i> by W. Grudem</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the terms "revelation," "verbally inspired," "ultimate authority" and "illumination." 2. What do you understand by the term "inerrant" when used of Scripture? How would you distinguish between "inerrant" and "infallible?" 3. How do you defend the canon, the Old and New Testaments, the 66 books of the Bible? 4. How does your view of the inerrancy and authority of Scripture affect specific aspects of your ministry such as study, preaching, teaching, counseling, leadership training, etc.? 6. How do you understand, and what is the implication of the last sentence in this article? 	<p>Fac. Co-Fac. Date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write your paper for Article #2 2. Make an arrangement with your pastor to create a plan to teach this article in your local church

SOCIAL ISSUES

Class	Issue	Sources to Consult Readings	Form a Response Issues	Assignments
11	ETHICAL & MINISTERIAL ISSUES a) Spiritual warfare, demons, Satan. b) Homosexuality. c) Abortion - infanticide - euthanasia. d) Divorce and remarriage. e) Alcohol Usage f) The role of women in the church. g) Racism and the church h) Worship styles you prefer in the church.	Rom. 12:1, 2 Acts 17:16-33 1 Pet. 3:15 Rom. 1:18-32 1 Cor. 2:10-16 Appendix 11 starting at "The Church's Concerned for the Divorced" on through "Ethnic Ministries"	Explain your views of the biblical teaching regarding the following topics and how those views affect your practice of ministry: 1. Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage 2. Abortion, Infanticide, Euthanasia 3. Role Distinctions in the Church of Men and Women 4. Homosexual Belief and Conduct (and other sexual perversions of God's design for human sexuality)	Fac.: Co-Fac.: Date: 1. Write your paper about Ethical & Ministerial Issues. 2. Make an arrangement with your pastor to create a plan to teach about these Ethical & Ministerial Issues in your local church.
12	PERSONAL LIFESTYLE The EFCA, during the Annual Conferences, has created ethical resolutions with biblical foundations about diverse social and cultural subjects that impact the individual and family life of the believer and the corporate life of the church in the context of the communities where they minister in the United States. We believe that all who aspire to or those that develop pastoral ministries in the EFCA need, along with the Statement of Faith, biblical foundations for their personal lifestyles.	1 Tim. 3:1-7 Titus 1:5-9 1 Pet. 5:1-4 1 Thes. 2:1-13 Appendix 11	State your views of the Scriptures and personal practices about the following: 1. Spiritual Disciplines 2. Stewardship, Personal Finances, and Debt 3. Moral Purity 4. Marriage and Family Priorities	Fac.: Co-Fac.: Date: 1. Write your paper about Personal Lifestyle. 2. Make an agreement with your pastor to create a plan to teach about these Personal Lifestyle Issues in your local church.
13	REWRITE LICENSING PAPER	Previous rewritten papers from each class meeting.	Compile and revise your rewritten papers on from each previous class to form your licensing paper.	1. Rewrite licensing paper 2. Complete national EFCA license application http://www.efca.org/about-efca/joining-efca/credentialing/license-leading-certificate
14	MOCK LICENSING COUNCIL	Rewritten licensing paper and corresponding scriptures.	Participate in a mock licensing council in order to prepare for your actual licensing council.	Review your licensing paper, corresponding scriptures and the readings from the GATEWAY course.