

# SYLLABUS

## The Pastoral Epistles: *LRCHMC Clergy Study Course*

Read all four books through at one setting thirty minutes or less. Next read them in this order II Timothy, Philemon, I Timothy and Titus all in about thirty minutes.

Pick one of the following subjects and write a two-page typed, 12 font, double-spaced letter to be turned in on Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- prayer (2:1-5)
- the role of women in the liturgical assembly (2:8-15)
- the qualifications for bishops (3:1-7)
- deacons (3:8-13)
- the care of widows (5:3-16)
- the payment of elders (5:17-19)
- the resolution of charges against elders (5:19-22)
- the attitudes of slaves (6:1-2) and the rich (6:17-19).

Two page typed paper answering one of the following series of questions.

1. What difference would it make in our understanding of Paul if he did not write these letters? In our understanding of the history of the church?
2. Considering all the New Testament references, what was Paul's relationship with Timothy?
3. What difference does it make that these letters are addressed to an individual, rather, than a congregation?
4. How does attention to "letter types" help in the interpretation of these compositions?
5. What role do metaphors of the family and household play in these letters? What would account for this?

1. Introduction
2. Paul
  - a. Citizenship
  - b. Occupation
  - c. Education
3. II Timothy
4. I Timothy
5. Titus
6. Philemon