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DISCIPLESHIP: A NEW TESTAMENT EXAMINATION OF THE INNER AND OUTER LIFE OF FAITH

A SPIRITUAL FORMATION ELECTIVE

INSTRUCTOR

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DATE

March 11, 2018, 7:00 p.m. - March 14, 2018, 12:15 p.m

OVERVIEW

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This class is open to all regardless of their participation in the **Spiritual Formation Certificate Program**.

REGISTRATION / LODGING / SCHEDULE

Fee: \$375 and includes refreshment breaks, Monday lunch and dinner, and Tuesday lunch. All other meals and lodging are the student's responsibility.

Lodging: Limited lodging is available on campus. Reservations can be made by contacting our Reception Office at reception@pts.edu or 412-924-1397. **Get directions to PTS.**

Schedule: Download the **general schedule** for this class.



READINGS

Please do your best to read the required books before your arrival. If you wish to be in the **Spiritual Formation Certificate program**, you should prepare a one-page reflection paper for each required book; these will be collected the first evening of class. If you do not plan to seek the certificate but are taking the class for personal enrichment, the reflection papers are not required but we strongly encourage you to read the texts to get as much as possible from the class time. Recommendations for additional reading will be provided for those who wish to go deeper.

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