

**Valley Baptist Missions Education Center – Winter Session One (W1) –  
January 17, 2023**

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**I. SETTLED AT THE START: CONVICTION**

John 16:8 – *“And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”*

**II. SETTLED AT THE START: CONVERSION**

John 3:5-6 – *“Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit.”*

**III. SETTLED AT THE START: A Case Study in God’s Call to Ministry  
– **Jonah 1-4****

- A Call from God – Nineveh – Jonah 1:1-2; 2 Kings 14:25
- A Call Rejected – Tarshish – Jonah 1:3; 1 Kings 10:22
- A Cry Out to God – Travail – Jonah 2:1-2

(Travail: Judges 15:18; 1 Samuel 1:10; 2 Chronicles 32:20; Nehemiah 9:2; Matthew 7:7; Luke 22:44; Romans 15:30; Colossians 2:1; 4:12; Hebrews 5:7; -19.)

- Praying Back to God’s Call – Jonah 2: 2-9
- The Role of a Large Fish in God’s Call to Ministry – Jonah 2:17
- A Re-Call and a Right Response – Jonah 2:10; 3:1-3
- A summary of the Call

**IV. SETTLED AT THE START: My Call to Ministry**

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## 2023 Curriculum for the Valley Baptist Theological Institute

Winter Session One (W1) – **January** – The Minister’s Beginning – Conviction, Conversion, Calling, (*DiscipleShape 4 & 5*).

Winter Session Two (W2) – **February** – The Minister’s Resume – Beatitudes, (*DiscipleShape 1-3*); Teamwork, Time Management (*DiscipleShape 6 & 9*), Conflict in Ministry (*Coping with Conflict*)

Winter Session Three (W3) – **March** – The Minister’s Difficulties – God’s Tests, Running the Race, Pacing (*DiscipleShape 8*)

Spring Session One (S1) – **April** – The Minister’s Proclamation – Preaching, Evangelism, and Testimony, (*DiscipleShape 7 & 4; EvangeLife*)

Spring Session Two (S2) – **May** – The Minister’s Marriage and Family – Guest

Spring Session Three (S3) – **June** – The Minister’s Counseling - Guest

Fall Session One (F1) – **August** – The Minister’s Prayer Life (*DiscipleShape 7; Prayer-Shaped Disciple*)

Fall Session Two (F2) – **September** – The Minister’s Prayer Life (*DiscipleShape 7; Prayer-Shaped Disciple*)

Fall Session Three (F3) – **October** – The Minister’s Prayer Life (*DiscipleShape 7; Prayer-Shaped Disciple*)

Fall Session Four (F4) – **November** – The Minister’s Future – Love, Relationships, Vision (*DiscipleShape 10, 11 & 12*);