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No, it is not the opposite of AC! As used at South Louisville Christian Church it stands for **D**eveloping **C**o-Laborers. The intense Bible study course called “DC-Thoroughly Equipped,” was developed by Kurt Sauder and Eric Schansberg (Remember him? He taught us the book of Revelation!). Since its inception in 2002 there have been over 1,500 graduates of the course and it is now taught at more than 25 churches.

Exactly what does it involve? From their website “Thoroughly Equipped” (<http://www.thoroughlyequipped.org>), you can learn as much as you would like about this course of study. The following is just a summary:

What is DC: Thoroughly Equipped?

“DC” initially stood for “Discipleship Curriculum” and now stands for “Developing Co-Laborers/Co-Leaders”. DC is a program for “higher-end” discipleship with a focus on lay-leadership development. “Thoroughly Equipped” is our goal—that “the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (1 Tim 3:17). What does that take? Knowledge, experiences, and skills; better theology, spiritual disciplines, and walking with the Spirit. DC is a 21-month program of Bible study, Bible reading, and Bible

What’s D.C.?

By: Joe Douthitt

memorization—in a sequence of seven “semesters”—from DC101’s foundations to DC403’s concluding topics (with Bible reading, service projects, and socials during three “semester breaks”).

1. Bible Memory: Over the 21 months, DC’ers memorize at least 70 verses

2. Bible Reading -The first 9 months, DC’ers read all of the New Testament—and some of the Old Testament (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and a significant sampling of the Psalms). On average, DC’ers read about 11 chapters per week, with weekly reading in Proverbs.

— Over the final 12 months, DC’ers read the rest of the Old Testament at a somewhat faster pace, with weekly readings in

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This Summer’s Events

- July 12 & 26, Aug. 9 & 23 – Food Distribution
- July 25, Aug. 29 – 7:00 – 9:30 PM – Craft Night
- Aug. 1 & 2 – Men’s conference, “The Main Event” at SLCC

Food Pantry Needs:

Spaghetti
Pancake Mix

(Place donations in the bin in the coffee area at the church).

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the Psalms. During the three “semester breaks”, DC’ers read (and do light studies of) Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Isaiah.

3. Bible Study

- a.) DC101: The Foundation—basic doctrine and Bible study tools
- b.) DC201-202: Building on the Foundation—standard applications
- c.) DC301: An Intro to Building Leaders—a more intimate look inside the heart; and building the heart and skills of a teacher
- d.) DC401-403: Building Leaders—deeper applications and thornier doctrinal issues

What does it do?

DC is a “systematic walk through a set of topics, skills, and experiences that will encourage you to become a more effective apprentice of Jesus—a program to transform how you see God and how others see Christ in you, rather than simply a set of good lessons or a good Bible course.” It will help you become a disciple of Jesus. You may say, “I am already a disciple of Jesus,” then it will help you to be an even better disciple. It took Jesus himself three and a half years to turn twelve men into the first disciples, DC will help get you further than you are down that same road that they walked.

Will it cost me anything?

It will cost you a great deal -- of time, effort, and money. If you are not a disciplined person, you will have to become one. The DC website estimates 1.5 hours of class time each week and 5 hours of study time. Realistically, you should expect to spend the 1.5 hours in class (plus your travel time) and 10 hours of study time (Bible reading, Scripture memorization, other reading assignments, and completing your textbook assignments). DC is not just *reading*, it is *studying*. Memorizing Scripture takes longer for some than for others. You cannot take DC without it changing your life and your priorities. You will have to eliminate some other things in order to fit this into your life--this will have to be your highest priority. And finally, the cost of textbooks, other books, materials and activities will require you to budget about \$10 a month--\$210 for the 21 months. By the time you finish you will have spent approximately 140 hours in class and 1000 hours studying outside the class.

Is it worth it?

Yes! **“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”** 1 Peter 3:15,16. You will be prepared, for what, only God knows! You will understand more about Scripture and your faith than ever before, and this alone will change your perspective forever. If you are ready to change, DC is for you!

South Louisville Christian Church has now conducted four DC classes with a total of 19 men and women completing the entire course. The challenge for these people will be ensuring the priority of their lives is always following Jesus’ commands and teaching, but they have been “thoroughly equipped” to do so.

Changes Coming To SLCC Newsletter



If you will notice on the header, we are now calling this the “Summer” issue of The South Louisville Christian newsletter. We are moving from a *monthly* to a *quarterly* newsletter. There will be issues in the Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter – The Fall issue will be out in September, and the Winter issue, December.

It is now even more important to read your weekly Sunday bulletin and watch the announcements on the screen, so you will be aware of what is happening BETWEEN the issues of the SLCC newsletter!

In Search of Truth

By: Jason Horn

I can take most every question I am asked as a Christian minister and place them into four categories. The four categories are: Origin, Meaning, Morality and Destiny. How did I come to be? What point of reference do I find for meaning? How do I differentiate between good and evil? And, what happens to a human being when he or she dies? No matter where you live in this world or to what system of beliefs you hold, the answers to these questions matter. Even more important is when you feel you have arrived at the truth regarding these questions; the answers must all work together coherently. Only then, will you find you are moving into the direction of the greatest pursuit of life, which is truth. That's why Pilate missed it when he was trying Jesus, drowning in political power, standing against those who were drowning in religious power, he looked at the ultimate source of truth and made the cardinal mistake when he said "What is truth?" and didn't wait for the answer and walked away. And Jesus had said to him, "They that are on the side of truth listen to me." Do you really want to know the truth?

In a world where truth is relative and ever changing where do we find the *truth* Jesus spoke of? At the time Jesus spoke those words He was referring to Himself, His Word and God's Word. Unlike the people of Jesus's day we have the Bible. But, suppose you had never seen a Bible, or known anyone who had. What kind of God would you be worshipping? What *truth* would you be holding to? What would you be worshipping? What would you believe about where the human race came from and where it is going? Would there be any way at all to answer such questions? Would there be any source of *truth* about God and Man?

The answer is yes. Even if there were no Bible, we would not be lacking entirely in such knowledge. The universe itself reveals to us much about the Creator God and His relationship with man. This is referred to as *general* revelation, because it is available to everyone in general and the truth known thereby is general rather than specific.

General revelation is limited for it tells us about God the Creator, makes us aware of law and sin but it can never show us God the Savior. Through general revelation we can never learn of grace and salvation. This is the dilemma of man under general revelation alone: he knows he is lost but can never know enough to be saved. The knowledge of God's saving grace can only come through

the *special* revelation that focuses on the Savior, Jesus Christ (Romans 10:13-17).

Sinful man needs more than general revelation. He needs specially revealed truth about God, man, sin and salvation – the truth that is uncorrupted, clear and complete. This is what the Bible is all about. God's Word is truth that shall make us free (John 17:17; 8:32). Because the Bible is inspired by God, it is completely true. Jesus promised to give His apostles the Spirit of truth, so that He could guide them into all truth (John 16:13). He has given us the same commission to "Go and make disciples" and He has equipped us with His word in the same way He equipped them -- and with His word we are able to help others find the answers to their questions of Origin, Meaning, Morality and Destiny. Jesus talked about the proper foundations for our lives in His familiar parable of the wise and foolish builders (Matthew 7:24-27). He says that His spoken words are like a foundation of solid rock...and a life built upon His words will not fail.

Youth Summer Schedule 2014

BOLD = Building Our Lord's Disciples

(Junior and Senior High Group)

Wednesday Nights June and July

6:00pm – 7:00pm

6:00pm Half Hour Group Session

6:30pm Dinner

J.A.M. Jesus And Me group

(4yrs – 5th grade)

Summer Schedule

Wednesday Nights June - July

6pm - 8pm

Dinner