

Asbury Theological Seminary ePLACE: preserving, learning, and creative exchange

Syllabi

eCommons

1-1-2003

SF 550 Tutorial in Spiritual Formation-- "Lectio Divina"

Steve Harper

Follow this and additional works at: <http://place.asburyseminary.edu/syllabi>

Recommended Citation

Harper, Steve, "SF 550 Tutorial in Spiritual Formation-- "Lectio Divina"" (2003). *Syllabi*. Book 34.
<http://place.asburyseminary.edu/syllabi/34>

This Document is brought to you for free and open access by the eCommons at ePLACE: preserving, learning, and creative exchange. It has been accepted for inclusion in Syllabi by an authorized administrator of ePLACE: preserving, learning, and creative exchange. For more information, please contact thad.horner@asburyseminary.edu.

SF 550 Tutorial in Spiritual Formation-- “Lectio Divina”

Fall 2003

1 Hour’s Credit

Dr. Steve Harper

--office: 407-482-7551

home: 407-977-5383

--fax: 407-482-7575

email:steve_harper@asburyseminary.edu

Introduction

By all accounts, prayer and spiritual reading combine to comprise the two chief elements in Christian spiritual formation. John Wesley gave wise counsel to a struggling preacher, “Read and pray daily; it is your life. Without it, you will be a trifler all your days.” This tutorial addresses the component of spiritual reading, looking at it from the standpoints of personal and group reading.

Textbooks

Robert M. Mulholland, Jr., *Shaped by the Word* (Upper Room Books)

Norvene Vest, *Gathered in the Word* (Upper Room Books)

Upper Room Spiritual Classics, Series 1 (Upper Room Books)

Course Objectives

1. You will acquire knowledge about the...
 - history of lectio divina
 - the place of lectio divina in the Wesleyan tradition
2. You will acquire skills in...
 - personal lectio divina
 - group lectio divina
 - teaching lectio divina in the church
3. You will deepen your life in Christ by...
 - actually using the Bible and devotional classics
 - reflecting and recording as you read
 - sharing your insights with others

The course is “credit only” for grade. It will be taught in two blocks of time—Friday afternoon, September 12th and Friday afternoon, November 21st. The location is scheduled to be Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo. We will eat dinner there on both days, with a cost of \$13.00 per meal. Additional information will be sent to all who register for the course.