



## **Course Syllabus**

### **Strategic Life Alignment**

**Course Code:** MLM-320

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#### **Course Description**

The Strategic Life Alignment Course is based on the assumption that God redeems his people not only to enjoy eternal life but also to play a role in his great story (i.e., the metanarrative) of history. It is, therefore, the responsibility of each Christian to find and fulfill the purpose of God for his/her life.

This course provides biblical tools and a biblical methodology to help each person engage in their personal discovery process. Students will be challenged to think biblically about the call of God on their lives. The training will be presented through video teaching and a written workbook with exercises. Online group calls will reinforce the learning experience. The purpose of the course is to enrich each student's process of finding and fulfilling his/her divinely ordained purpose in God's metanarrative.

#### **Required Books**

Digital Course Manual – Strategic Life Alignment

**\*\*the cost of this manual is included on the cost of the course. It will be available in PDF for download**

#### **Course Requirements**

The curriculum material consists of seven (7) videos (~70 minutes per video) and a 200+ page workbook that includes extensive exercises. Each week, students are expected to view a video, read a portion of the workbook, and work exercises. In addition, students are expected to participate in a 90-minute online Q&A and group discussion session with the instructor. The purpose of this session is to help the students process and apply the training. A major theme of the training is the importance of community in living a life of faith; accordingly, the weekly online session will provide a practical opportunity for the students to experience the value of community.

Students should spend a minimum of 3 hours per week viewing the videos, reading the workbook, and doing exercises plus participate in the 90-minute online call. Participation in the online calls is mandatory. If a student misses more than 2 calls, he or she will not be able to complete the course. Grades will be determined based on the mid-term and final

exams plus participation in the calls. Class participation will be assessed based on the quality of the comprehension, engagement, and interaction of each student.

The live calls will be scheduled for every Wednesday of the term. The time of the call and instructions on how to connect to the call will be given prior to the beginning of the course.

Participation ..... 25%  
 Midterm ..... 25%  
 Final Exam ..... 50%

**10 Week Course Outline and Lesson Plan**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Subject/Topic</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
1	Introduction: God’s Plan and Your Plan	Watch video 1 Read the corresponding workbook section Work the exercises for this section Connect in this week’s live call
2	Blocks to Finding Your Life Purpose	Watch video 2 Read the corresponding workbook section Work the exercises for this section Connect in this week’s live call
3	Overview of the C4 Principle	Watch video 3 Read the corresponding workbook section Work the exercises for this section Connect in this week’s live call
4	C4 Principle: Calling	Watch video 3 Read the corresponding workbook section Work the exercises for this section Connect in this week’s live call
5	C4 Principle: Character	Watch video 4 Read the corresponding workbook section Work the exercises for this section Connect in this week’s live call
	Midterm Exam	
6	C4 Principle: Character	Watch video 5 Read the corresponding workbook section Work the exercises for this section Connect in this week’s live call
7	C4 Principle: Commissioning	Watch video 6 Read the corresponding workbook section Work the exercises for this section Connect in this week’s live call
8	Advisors	Watch video 6 Read the corresponding workbook section Work the exercises for this section Connect in this week’s live call
9	Developing Your Life Plan	Watch video 7 Read the corresponding workbook section Work the exercises for this section Connect in this week’s live call
10	Developing Your Life Plan Exercises	Work the exercises for this section Connect in this week’s live call
	Final Exam	

### **Grading Scale**

A	94 - 100	D	70 - 75
B	85 - 93	F	0 - 69
C	76 - 84		

### **Method of Instruction**

Video lectures, workbook lessons and live calls.

### **Financial Aid**

Financial Aid is not available.

### **Disabilities**

The student has the responsibility of informing the course instructor of any disabling condition, which will require modifications to avoid discrimination. Christ for the Nations provides academic adjustments and auxiliary aid to meet the institution's academic requirements.

### **Instructor Information**

Gerald R. Chester, Ph.D., is president of Strategies@Work, LLC, a privately held management consulting firm focused on helping individuals and organizations achieve excellent performance through the implementation of biblical philosophy, values, principles, and practices based on the timeless universal principles (TUP) of the Bible.

In January 2005, Gerald published the book *Beyond Babel*, which presents a model for building excellent organizations based on TUP. *Beyond Babel* provides the foundation for the consulting, training, and coaching services provided by Strategies@Work, LLC. In addition, Gerald writes a monthly newsletter and business tips on the application of TUP in the workplace.

Gerald is a native of Dallas, Texas. He is married to his high school sweetheart. They have two grown daughters, two sons-in-law, three grandsons, and one granddaughter. He serves as an elder at Sojourn Church, a non-denominational church in the Dallas area.