

**Course description**

Before students receive teaching and training in particular areas of ministry, they need to know who they are and whose they are. This first quarter focuses on our identity as sons and daughters of God who are called to do the works of Jesus and even greater works (Jn 14:12)! Throughout the quarter we highlight the dangers of a ‘performance-based mentality’ where personal value is rooted in what we do for God instead of what God has done for us. As we go after personal transformation by the renewal of the mind, we increase our ability to see ourselves, our families, and our mission from the perspective of God’s promises.

**Course Overview**

- Define what performance mentality is and compare it to a sonship-based mentality
- Evaluate their own identity and integrate key teaching on transformation through class participation, activation, discussion, and homework
- Establish a new norm for ministry that flows from an inheritance won for us by Jesus’ work on the cross
- Explain key bible passages and allow the Word of God to challenge our thinking and increase our fruitfulness

**Supplemental Reading**

- Supernatural Saints by Patrick Reisz
- (CLEM) “Some Implications That Vatican II’s Biblical Teaching On The Charisms Has On Lay Evangelization In The Magisterium Of Pope John Paul II” by Fr. Mathias Thelen
- (SIS) “Sober intoxication of Spirit” (chapter 5 Anointed) by Father Raniero Cantalamessa.

<b>Year One: Q1 - Identity and Transformation</b>			
<b>Class</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Class Date</b>	<b>Complete Supplemental Reading &amp; Homework by this class</b>
Q1. Class 1	Intro & Overview	Sept 12	SS, Ch. 1
Orientation <sup>1</sup>	Connect & Grow	Sept 19	SS, Foreword
Q1. Class 2	Conformed To Jesus	Sept 26	SS, Ch. 2
Q1. Class 3	Baptismal Identity: Kings	Oct 3	SS, Ch. 3
Q1. Class 4	Identity as Temples of the HS	Oct 10	SS, Ch. 4
Q1. Class 5	Renewal of the Mind I	Oct 17	SS, Ch. 5
Q1. Class 6	Renewal of the Mind II	Oct 24	SS, Ch. 6
Q1. Class 7	Identity	Oct 31	SS, Ch. 7
Q1. Class 8	Led by the Spirit	Nov 7	SS, Ch. 8

\*Supplemental Reading is not mandatory but highly encouraged. Homework assignments can be found on student handouts or on the student dashboard.

<sup>1</sup> Because Patrick Reis is visiting September 12, we will do the orientation the following week (Sept 19).