

COMPASSION BIBLE INSTITUTE:

ADVANCED DISCIPLESHIP STUDIES PROGRAM



What is the Advanced Discipleship Studies Program?

- The Compassion Bible Institute (CBI) offers comprehensive adult Christian education. CBI's mission is to cultivate disciples of Jesus Christ. CBI pursues her mission through two main programs:
 - Basic Discipleship Studies Program (CBI BDSP)
 - Advanced Discipleship Studies Program (CBI ADSP)
- CBI ADSP is the “finishing” program of the CBI program duo. It offers graduates of CBI's Basic Discipleship Studies Program (CBI BDSP) *and other interested individuals* deeper studies in Scripture and in Christian living
- *Please note that completion of CBI BDSP is not a prerequisite for enrollment in CBI ADSP.* CBI ADSP accepts as students any individuals who are adequately equipped and motivated to complete the program.
- Whereas CBI BDSP is geared to “root and ground” students in the fundamentals, CBI ADSP is designed to challenge and “stretch” students in Christian discipleship as it builds upon their existing knowledge.
- Presently, CBI ADSP delivers course content in two ways:
 - “On-Site”: in the traditional classroom setting
 - “On-Demand”: “Live” classes you attend from the convenience of your own home, via remote communication technologies

What does the Advanced Discipleship Studies Program offer?

- CBI ADSP consists of 12 courses that build upon a student's basic understanding of Christian discipleship (such as that gained in CBI BDSP). Eight of the 12 courses are required; four are elective.
- CBI ADSP courses are offered in the traditional classroom setting. But students can also take “live” courses at home via remote communication technologies.

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- CBI ADSP required courses:
 - The Person of God
 - The New Life Owner's Manual
 - How To Read And Understand Your Bible
 - Developing Your Prayer Life
 - Dealing With Spiritual Warfare
 - The Body of Christ
 - The Unfolding Plan of God
 - Evangelism 102
- CBI ADSP elective courses:
 - Elective courses generally fall into one of three categories: 1) private devotions; 2) practical Christian living; and 3) Bible book studies.

How will the Advanced Discipleship Studies Program benefit me?

- CBI ADSP will “stretch” you in your understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. You will grow spiritually as you gain a deeper understanding of God, yourself, your faith, and others.
- CBI ADSP will provide you with the foundational doctrinal knowledge necessary to successfully carry out formal ministry in your local church fellowship.
- CBI ADSP will equip you for further Christian education at regional bible institutes, schools, and colleges.
- CBI ADSP is in partnership with Lancaster Bible College to offer you up to 18 advanced standing college credits toward Lancaster Bible College's Associate

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of Science in Bible or Bachelor of Science in Bible degrees upon graduating from CBI ADSP.

What sort of commitment does the Advanced Discipleship Studies Program require?

- Each CBI ADSP course meets once-a-week for six weeks. This is accomplished either by attending traditional classes at the Community of Compassion CDC (located at 6150 Cedar Avenue, Philadelphia, PA) or via remote instruction delivered to your home. You choose whichever mode of delivery is more convenient for you.
- CBI ADSP's school year runs from September through May. It is comprised of five terms. Each school term is six weeks in length. It takes approximately 1 ½ years to complete CBI ADSP.
- There is a \$35.00 Registration Fee for each CBI ADSP course you take.
- To begin the application process, call the Church of Christian Compassion at (215) 472-9040 and leave a voice mail message for Elder Victoria Ruffin stating your name, phone number, and your interest in CBI's Advanced Discipleship Studies Program.

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BASIC DISCIPLESHIP STUDIES PROGRAM



What is the Basic Discipleship Studies Program?

- The Compassion Bible Institute (CBI) offers comprehensive adult Christian education. CBI's mission is to cultivate disciples of Jesus Christ. CBI pursues her mission through two main programs:
 - Basic Discipleship Studies Program (CBI BDSP)
 - Advanced Discipleship Studies Program (CBI ADSP)
- CBI BDSP is the “foundational” program of the CBI program duo. It offers those who are new to the Christian faith, or in the formative stages of their discipleship to Christ, an opportunity to gain knowledge of the basic teachings of Scripture and of Christian living, thus preparing them for future development as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- CBI BDSP aims to “root and ground” or “stabilize” students in Christian discipleship by providing them with a firm foundation in Christian doctrine and practical Christian living.

What does the Basic Discipleship Studies Program offer?

- The CBI BDSP curriculum is comprised of seven courses designed to provide students with a basic understanding of Christian discipleship:
 - Christian Discipleship 101
 - Getting To Know Your Salvation
 - Getting To Know Your God
 - Getting To Know Your Bible
 - Prayer 101
 - Getting To Know Your Spiritual Gifts
 - Evangelism 101

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Students have the option of taking either a Tuesday evening class or a Saturday morning class. All classes meet at the Community of Compassion CDC (located at 6150 Cedar Avenue, Philadelphia, PA).

How will the Basic Discipleship Studies Program benefit me?

- The instruction in the Scriptures and in Christian living that you will receive in CBI BDSP will equip you with the understanding of the discipleship journey that you will need to lead a more joyful and victorious life in Christ.
- There are no substitutes for the fellowship, encouragement, support, and accountability that you will receive from both teachers and students alike in CBI BDSP as you seek to live a life that is more pleasing to the Lord.
- The spiritual, social, and educational aspects of the CBI BDSP experience usually have the combined effect of “stabilizing” students in their Christian walk. Students become firmer in their commitments to Christ as a result of finishing the program.
- The Basic Discipleship Studies Program also prepares students for enrollment in CBI’s Advanced Discipleship Studies Program.

What sort of commitment does the program require?

- The Basic Discipleship Studies Program requires about two years to complete.
- There is no Registration Fee associated with enrollment in CBI BDSP courses.

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