



Ordination Exam Preparation

MENTOR GUIDE

This Guide is intended to be used by the Exam Board Assigned Mentor to help prepare a man who has been commissioned by his local church to pastoral ministry as he prepares for his Ordination Examination.

Charis Fellowship Ordination Exam Preparation Matrix

This matrix is designed to guide and prepare an ordination candidate for the written and oral exam process as well as instruct them in other areas of ministry. Preparation should include:

- Meet with candidate 1-2 times per month
- View the module video teaching for each topic
- Review the Charis Beliefs Document and Ordination exam questions for each topic
- Participate in an anointing; baptism, communion when opportunity presents itself during the 3-year period
- Schedule meetings with other pastors to discuss and learn about ministry as well as asking doctrinal questions (could be completed via online meeting).

NOTE: All theological readings from Wayne Grudem's ... Bible Doctrine – Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith *Optional reading Ryrie: Basic Theology*

Year 1	Topic	Video/Article	Reading	Other instructions
Month 1	The Center	N/A	Charis Commitment to Common Identity	
Month 2	The One True God	Charis Beliefs 2.1	Grudem: pages 67-167 <i>Ryrie, chapters 4–8</i>	
Month 3	The Lord Jesus Christ	Charis Beliefs 2.2	Grudem: pages 229-272 <i>Ryrie, chapters 40–47</i>	
Month 4	The Holy Spirit	Charis Beliefs 2.3	Grudem: pages 104-123; 396-426 <i>Ryrie, chapters 59–68</i>	
Month 5	The Bible	Charis Beliefs 2.4	Grudem: pages 33-66 <i>Ryrie, chapters 9–16</i>	
Month 6	Humanity	Charis Beliefs 2.5	Grudem: pages 187-228 <i>Ryrie, chapters 29–39</i>	
Month 7	Salvation	Charis Beliefs 2.6	Grudem: pages 273-362 <i>Ryrie, chapters 48-58</i>	
Month 8	Church	Charis Beliefs 2.7	Grudem: pages 363-426 <i>Ryrie, chapters 69-76</i>	If no prior experience in the Charis Fellowship, participate in an anointing; baptism, communion when opportunity presents itself.
Month 9	Christian Life	Charis Beliefs 2.8	Grudem: pages 326-335	
Month 10	Angels, Satan, Demons	Charis Beliefs 2.9	Grudem: pages 168-186 <i>Ryrie, chapters 17–28</i>	
Month 11	Future Life	Charis Beliefs 2.10	Grudem: pages 427-472 <i>Ryrie, chapters 77-92</i>	
Month 12	Review			Use the Examination Questions to discuss and practice

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Year 2	Topic	Video/Article	Reading	Other instructions
Month 1	Historical Context	Charis Beliefs 3.1	Finding our Focus – Dr. David Plaster Restoring the Household – Todd Scoles	
Month 2	Hermeneutics	Charis Beliefs 3.2		
Month 3	Christian Ethics	Charis Beliefs 3.3		
Month 4	Regeneration	Charis Beliefs 3.4		
Month 5	Baptism & Communion	Charis Beliefs 3.5a & 3.5b	Could it Be Three: Timothy Hodge Ordinances: What are they? David Plaster	Meet with another pastor (skype if necessary) in the district to converse with on this topic or topics covered in prior months. Ask pastor questions on ministry perspectives
Month 6	The Church	Charis Beliefs 3.6		
Month 7	Roles & Gifts	Charis Beliefs 3.7		
Month 8	Fellowship	Charis Beliefs 3.8		
Month 9	Biblical Mission	Charis Beliefs 3.9		Complete a Spiritual Gift Assessment
Month 10	Biblical Mission	Charis Beliefs 3.10		
Month 11				Participate in officiating a wedding and funeral when opportunity presents itself.
Month 12				

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Year 3	Topic		Reading	Other instructions
Month 1	Biblical Counseling	How to. Boundaries.	Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands – Dr. Paul Tripp	Observe a counseling session.
Month 2	Financial Stewardship	Personal & Ministry		
Month 3	Women in Ministry	Defining complementarian ministry and honoring women	Women in Ministry Four Views Dr. Robert Clouse	
Month 4	Mentoring / Leadership / Elder	How to. Scheduling. Ministry plans.	Spiritual Leadership: J Oswald Sanders The Heart of a Servant Leader: C. John Miller	
Month 5	Mentoring / Leadership / Elder		Biblical Eldership; Alexander Stauch Elders and Leaders: Gene Getz	
Month 6	Walking with God	Personal Discipleship	Experiencing God: Henry Blackaby	
Month 7	Prayer	Personal Disciplines	Power through Prayer: E.M. Bounds Prayer: Ole Hallsby	
Month 8	Character	Personal Disciplines	Character Counts: Os Guinness The Measure of a Man: Gene Getz	
Month 9	Parenting / Marriage	Personal and Training Others	Parenting: Dr. Paul Tripp The Meaning of Marriage: Timothy Keller	Interview 3 married couples; One married 3-5 years; One married between 20-25 years; One married 40-50 years.
Month 10	PREPARE FOR EXAMINATION			Final 3 months: Assure the candidate has participated in a communion service, anointing, baptism, wedding, funeral. Submit progress to district exam board.
Month 11	PREPARE FOR EXAMINATION			Contact your district exam coordinator concerning the written and oral ordination exam. The exams should be scheduled at this time.
Month 12	Written/Oral Ordination Exam			District exam board reviews written exam, engages with candidate in oral exam and gives recommendation to the local church. Upon positive recommendation, schedule an Ordination service in the local church for recognition of the newly ordained elder.