



VECTOR ACADEMY

CHARTING A COURSE FOR A LIFE THAT MATTERS



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A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

KYLE MCMULLEN



In *With the Old Breed*, WWII Marine veteran E.B. Sledge recounts his personal experience fighting in the battles of Peleliu and Okinawa. His powerful narrative provides a first-hand depiction of the grueling and brutal nature of war.

Sledge originally planned to enter the Marines by way of college. Upon graduating from the ROTC program, he would have gone in as an officer. But WWII was in full-swing and he and several other recruits felt compelled to get to the front lines faster. Having already been sworn in, there was only one way to do this: intentionally flunk out and then go in as enlisted men. This is exactly what they did. As they were leaving, one of their commanding officers told them off record that they had the spirit of true Marines. Rather than wait in the safety of college for 4 years, they chose to go where the bullets were flying.

E.B. Sledge entered boot camp, went through field training, and was fully immersed in the war within months. Throughout his book, he pauses his combat narrative to comment on the high-quality training he received in boot camp. In the thick of battle, it became clear to Sledge that he truly had been prepared, as much as any man could be, for the incomparable stress of war.

Vector is a Bible and leadership boot camp, preparing students for Kingdom battle. It's high-intensity for 9 months, at the end of which, we send out platoons of Christian leaders to the front lines.

This program will form your character according to the Word of God and train you for a life that matters. It's for future business leaders, tradesmen, pastors, husbands, fathers, wives, mothers, stay-at-home moms, teachers, writers, artists, doctors, police officers, entrepreneurs—in short, Vector Academy is for anyone who wants to change the world in any vocation or any endeavor for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Join Vector Academy. Get to the front lines faster.



VECTOR ACADEMY

Vector Academy is a one-year Bible school designed to build and launch young Christian leaders equipped to shape culture for the glory of God in any vocation or endeavor.

Students are challenged with a fast-paced biblical curriculum—combined with retreats and unique experiences—with the goal of forging convictions and character according to the Word of God.

A YEAR OF INTENSE FOCUS ON THE THINGS THAT MATTER.

A YEAR OF intentional community and meaningful friendships.

A YEAR OF discovering God's calling on your life.

A YEAR OF unforgettable adventure.

A YEAR OF accelerated growth.

WHO IT'S FOR

Vector Academy is for college-age, Jesus-loving men and women who are unafraid to be challenged, who are ready to engage in a rigorous season of learning, and who want a rock-solid foundation of truth to build the rest of their lives on.

THE MISSION

Vector Academy exists to advance the Kingdom of God by sending leaders into the world who are trained to think deeply, discern wisely, and act boldly as faithful Christians.

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THINK

ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will." Romans 12:2

As Christians, we are people of truth. We renew our minds with the Word of God and learn to think rightly and deeply about God's world and our place in it.

DISCERN

EVERY SITUATION IN LIFE WITH WISDOM

"...from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do..." 1 Chronicles 12:32

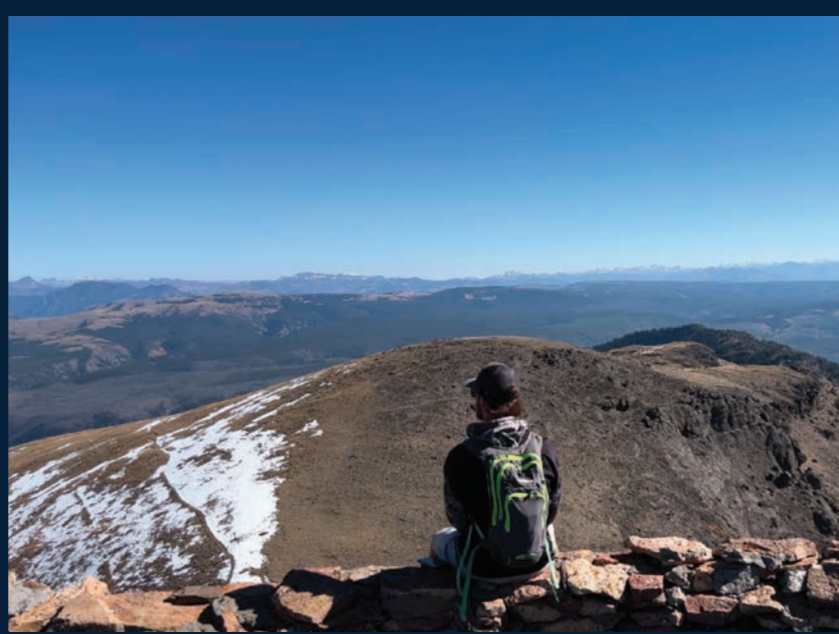
Truth needs to be applied with wisdom. Life is dynamic, not static. Our individual lives and the times we live in come with challenges that require daily discernment.

ACT

BOLDLY AS FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN LEADERS

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22

Armed with truth and wisdom, we are called to be ambassadors for Christ. As we courageously and humbly put our faith into action, we take up the mantle of leadership and impact the world for good.



CURRICULUM

BIBLE

DISCOVER GOD'S STORY

Brace yourself, we're living in a post-Christian, post common sense culture—a world that is fundamentally at odds with the faith you profess. How did we get here? Well, it's a long story...a story that began to unfold early in the book of Genesis with a plot that has found its way into every storyline since then: a people who must be rescued from a dragon that must be slain. Seeing how God views the world is the pathway to success in life. If you don't know your Bible, forget whatever skill set you have—your life will be overtaken by a dragon that's been hunting down people for thousands of years.

FALL TERM *Bible Study Methods & Pentateuch*

This class lays a crucial foundation for knowing how to read and interpret the Bible. It then explores the first five books of the Bible, the foundation of the grand metanarrative of God's Word. You will gain an understanding of literary genres in the Bible and survey the Pentateuch with a strong focus on Biblical Theology.

WINTER TERM *Prophets & Writings*

This class surveys the Old Testament Prophets and Writings—these are the biblical books referred to as the Histories, Prophets, and Wisdom Literature. You will practice doing Biblical Theology through various assignments and presentations.

SPRING TERM *New Testament*

In this culminating Bible class of the Vector program, you will survey the entire New Testament. The New Testament authors were the ultimate biblical theologians, building on the foundation of the Old Testament and expounding the Gospel of Jesus Christ through captivating narrative and profound prose.



LOVE THE TRUTH

DOCTRINE

Doctrine is not a dry document on the wall of a museum. It is a map that reveals the adventure of following Jesus. Theology is the ministry of reality; it opens our eyes to see things the way they are, igniting our imagination to live courageously and faithfully in God's world.

FALL TERM *God Speaks*

In this class, you will discover that faithful discipleship requires doctrine. Theology begins with God the Father, the Creator of Heaven and Earth. His revelation of Himself to us is the only real foundation of knowledge. You will learn the Doctrines of Revelation, Scripture, God and His Attributes, the Trinity, and Creation.

WINTER TERM *God Redeems*

Building on the theme that doctrine and discipleship are companions, you will gain a practical understanding of mankind, sin, and salvation. The theological focus is now on God the Son, Jesus Christ, who is Savior and Lord. You will learn the Doctrines of Man, Sin, Angels and Demons, Christ, Atonement, and Salvation.

SPRING TERM *God Sends*

In this final Doctrine class, you will be equipped to live as a Spirit-filled believer. The emphasis moves to God the Holy Spirit. You will learn the Doctrines of the Holy Spirit, Sanctification, the Church, Heaven and Hell, and End Times.



CHRISTIANITY & CULTURE

UNDERSTAND THE TIMES

This course is a journey through the ages, from the Ancient Greeks right up to our modern times. Students will read widely from great texts of the West and be able to trace trends through the centuries. Psalm 24 tells us that “the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof,” and culture is no exception to the domain of King Jesus’ lordship. This course provides vital preparation for future leaders, equipping them to understand the times and shape culture.

FALL TERM *Great Ideas of the West*

Long before the Pioneers, Pilgrims, and Puritans, the seeds of Western Civilization were planted by the Ancients. To understand our modern age, we need a history of the ages. This class is a survey of Western thought. You will be amazed by the powerful influence that ideas can have—even really old ones. This class gives you a foundation for understanding culture.

WINTER TERM *God, Government, and American Civics*

What is government? What do politics have to do with faith? This class focuses on the history of American government and the influence of Christianity. You will study foundational American documents like the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. This class prepares you to think and act biblically as a Christian and citizen.

SPRING TERM *Understanding the Times*

This capstone Christianity & Culture class faces the hot button cultural issues of our day head-on and gives students the opportunity to practice critiquing culture through the lens of biblical truth. Through reading, presentations, and debate, you will learn how to think on your feet and articulate truth. Leaders have to know how to communicate and persuade. This class will prepare you for just that.



APOLOGETICS

Apologetics has been defined as “defending the Christian faith,” but it’s really much more than that; it is embodied theology. Apologetics is the art of interpreting reality through the lens of God’s truth. It is the expression, not just of truth, but of the goodness and beauty that comes with it. The Christian worldview speaks for itself when it is displayed well through conversations, questions, answers, listening, challenging, and engaging.

FALL TERM *Worldview*

In this introduction to Apologetics, you will learn the components of worldviews and belief systems. Every person presupposes a way of viewing the world that governs everything he does. This class explores various prevalent worldviews that are opposed to Christianity. You will be equipped to understand opposing belief systems and be trained in how to critique and refute them with the light of God’s Word.

WINTER TERM *Apologetics*

Apologetics is one of the most exciting disciplines of Christian Theology. We are commanded by the Apostle Peter to “be ready to give an answer for the hope that we have.” How do we cultivate this readiness? This class is a rigorous and engaging training that prepares you to bring the Christian worldview into real life relationships and conversations.

SPRING TERM *The Life and Thoughts of C.S. Lewis*

This culminating class of the Apologetics curriculum is a deep dive into the writings of one of the greatest thinkers in the history of the Church. C.S. Lewis was masterful, whether he was writing children’s fantasy, sophisticated sci-fi, devotional reflections, or studious theology. He did all of it with remarkable skill. The beauty of the Christian worldview permeates through everything Lewis wrote. This class is nothing short of a rollicking good time.



CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP

Integrity is where the chasm between belief and action dissolves. This is the lifelong journey of sanctification. Every person who repents and believes in Jesus embarks on the adventure of dying to sin in exchange for the transformed life of righteousness. The love of God compels us toward obedience, and His grace sustains us when we fail. We believe in the empowering work of the Holy Spirit and the reality of experiencing new life in Christ.

FALL TERM *Practical Discipleship*

In this class, you will learn and develop spiritual disciplines. You will not only discover the biblical basis for these disciplines, you will be given opportunities to practice them. A thriving relationship with Christ is the bedrock of your character. This class helps you get the important things right.

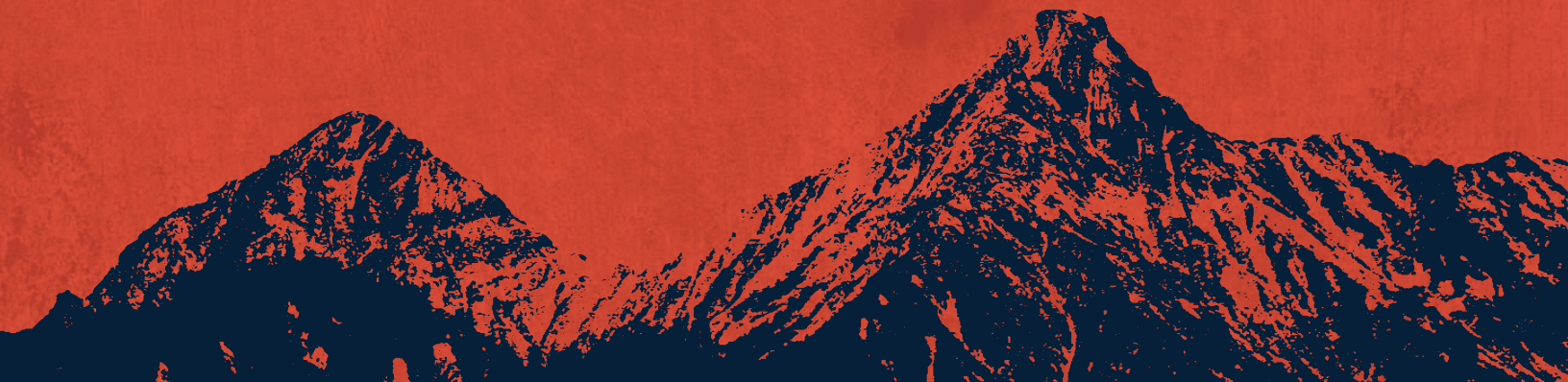
WINTER TERM *Life Vision & Stewardship*

Do you know where your life is going? Have you charted a course for faithfulness and fruitfulness? This class gives you practical tools for making a life plan. This is an exercise that you will be able to use for the rest of your life. Additionally, you will learn the importance of stewardship with a special focus on biblical wisdom for managing money.

SPRING TERM *Practical Theology of Vocation*

Every Christian has been called by God. How does this calling impact our work, relationships, and roles? The success of your leadership is determined by your humility and dependence on Christ. In this class, you will gain confidence in your calling, understand biblical manhood and womanhood, learn to trust the Holy Spirit, and deepen your conviction that God is sovereign over the specific details of your life.

LIVE WITH COURAGE



VECTOR GRADUATE MILESTONES

- ✓ Read the Bible cover to cover
- ✓ Read 30+ great books covering theology, history, civics, discipleship, apologetics, and more
- ✓ Have confidence in your ability to study, understand, and communicate the Word of God
- ✓ Be able to confidently defend why you believe the Bible
- ✓ Establish foundational spiritual disciplines
- ✓ Strengthen your identity in Christ and discover your calling as a member of His Body
- ✓ Develop a deep understanding of Christian Doctrine
- ✓ Be able to apply theology to your everyday life and relationships
- ✓ Understand how to critique cultural issues with the Christian worldview
- ✓ Have a biblical understanding of civil government, family, and the Church
- ✓ Learn to love God's design for manhood and womanhood
- ✓ Know and institute godly principles of financial stewardship

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RETREATS

VECTOR BOOT CAMP

A week of team-building, challenges, and experiences that establish the Vector ethos. It will be hard, you will be pushed, and you'll be talking about it all year.

REDEMPTION RETREAT

A powerful journey through the book of Exodus where you will learn how to apply God's story and pattern of redemption to your personal story.

THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS RETREAT

A biblical study of spiritual gifts and identity in Christ. You will be greatly encouraged and equipped in your calling as a member of the Body of Christ.



EXCURSIONS

YELLOWSTONE: THE GREAT AMERICAN WEST

A road trip to Yellowstone National Park filled with adventure, history, campfires, lots of bison, and exhilarating surprise or two.

WASHINGTON D.C.: THE BIBLE AND FREEDOM

A week-long trip to Washington D.C. where you will experience the Museum of the Bible and our nation's capital. Guided by Vector professors themselves, this is truly a trip of a lifetime.





LEARN TO LEAD

STAND FOR TRUTH.



SERVE THE CHURCH

- Lead at Grace City Church Young Adults Ministry
- Serve as a team on Sundays
- Help with big events— conferences, Christmas, Easter
- Attend select staff meetings

LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUMS

Throughout the year, Vector welcomes guest speakers from a variety of vocational fields. These guests are leaders in business, politics, ministry, tech, agriculture, law enforcement, and more. Students get to interact and ask questions in a conversational setting with these remarkably gifted leaders.



FIGHT FOR GOOD.

WORKOUTS

Students participate in physical training three days a week. Guided with high quality instruction and coaching, Vector workouts are an integral part of the program that teach both mental and physical strength.



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

ALEX PELAYO

"Vector is a breath of fresh air. With the current culture that we are living in today, understanding godly values and morals can make all the difference. You learn how to stand for these morals and have deep conversations about God and the Bible in Vector. Knowing how to stand for the truth and walk in God's path are two important things I learned from Vector."

BROOKLYN EISENHARD

"While we're finishing our first term, I've been reflecting on what this program has done for me. Even though I met some of my classmates on day one for the first time, I feel like I've known them my whole life. I have been learning so much about God and how astounding He is. Having the opportunity to learn all the ways He shows us His love has been life changing. I'm only three months into this journey, but I know I'm already charting a course for the rest of my life."

WALKER YOUNG

"Because of Vector, I now have a long game vision for my life that is worth waking up for because it glorifies God. I have a new view on relationships and how they are to point to and glorify God, and I don't want to accomplish anything in this world if it doesn't glorify God."

ABIGAIL WARD

"I have learned the value of truth, experienced godly community and wise mentors, and I have been pushed hard to accomplish what I didn't think was possible. I have learned discipline and been equipped to lay a foundation to build the rest of my life on. Every minute of Vector was worth it."

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

FISHER LEHMAN

"God has taken me from a simple faith to a deep faith and given me a fiery passion for Him and His Word. Through Vector, I have been learning to be an unhindered asset for the Kingdom of God. Learning to first start with God has opened my eyes to all the grace and joy that He has poured out in my life."

CAIDEN LENSSEN

"Vector has changed the way I look at the world around me. It has helped me put God first and see everything else in light of Him. I have learned so much about defending the faith as well as holding the Bible as the highest standard and authority. I have greatly grown in my relationship with Christ."

CALEB CLIFTON

"I was at a very critical crossroad in my life at the start of Vector. God put me on the right course toward Himself. Vector challenged me to rely on God and realize He is in control. It's taught me how to dive into any text and it's given me a newfound love for reading. Most importantly, it's given me a love for reading God's Word."

GRACE DAVIS

"Vector has blessed me with a new love for God's Word. It's revealed how the beautiful story of the Gospel runs through the entire Bible and how personal and intentional our God is. I've been given tools to not only understand doctrine, but also to live it out for the glory of God and to bring others to Christ."

MEET THE FACULTY



CAREY MCPHERSON

Bible, Physical Training

Carey McPherson holds a master's degree in Exegetical Theology and serves as a pastor at Grace City Church. He is a compelling teacher with a love for helping students discover the incredible unity of God's Word.



KYLE MCMULLEN

Doctrine

Kyle earned his degree in Bible, New Testament Greek, and English. He serves as a pastor at Grace City Church and leads Vector Academy, infusing creative storytelling into every aspect of his vocation.



DANIEL APPEL

Christianity & Culture

With a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and his JD from Regent University School of Law, Daniel has worked for members of the Supreme Courts of Texas and Washington and is currently an attorney for the Chelan County P.U.D. He is a voracious reader of history and a remarkable thinker.



GENE HELSEL

Apologetics

With decades of ministry experience and serving as Lead Pastor of King's Cross Church in Wenatchee, Gene is a man of great curiosity and wisdom. His passion for truth and for people is a driving force for how he lives.

SUPPORTING FACULTY



ADAM JAMES

Retreats

Adam is an Elder at Grace City Church and has decades of ministry and leadership experience. He brings truth, vitality, and love for people into everything he does.



KYLE STRONG

Character & Leadership

Kyle is the Executive Pastor of Finance at Grace City Church. He is a licensed CPA with extensive experience in the financial field. He excels at teaching biblical stewardship and generosity.



KENT MCMULLEN

Character & Leadership

Pastor Kent McMullen holds a master's degree in Christian Education. He has been a pastor for over 40 years and has mentored and taught the Bible to countless students over the decades.



JOSH MCPHERSON

Vector Vision & Oversight

Josh is the Lead Pastor of Grace City Church. He is gifted at drawing greatness out of leaders for Jesus' sake. He helps provide vision to Vector.

VECTOR TUITION

\$9,000

ACTUAL COST PER STUDENT: **\$18,665**

GRACE CITY CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP: **\$9,665**

Grace City Church generously provides more than a 50% scholarship for each Vector student.

Through the generosity of Grace City Church, each student pays less than half of the actual cost of their Vector experience which includes: classes, books, materials, retreats, swag, Yellowstone trip, and the Washington D.C. trip.

Payment plans are available.

WORK STUDIES

We have limited work study opportunities available. Students who are interested need to apply for a work study after they have been initially accepted into Vector. These work studies come with an additional \$4,500 scholarship.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Visit the Vector website and reach out to Kyle McMullen at kyle@gracecitychurch.com

VECTOR OVERVIEW

A WEEK'S SNAPSHOT

SUNDAY

SERVE AT CHURCH

MONDAY

7-8a: WORKOUT
9a-12p: CLASS

TUESDAY

7-8:30a: CLASS
8:45-9:45a: CHAPEL
10a-12p: CLASS
7p-9:30p: STITCH

WEDNESDAY

7-8a: WORKOUT
9a-12p: CLASS

THURSDAY

7-8:30a: CLASS
8:45-9:45a: CHAPEL
10a-12p: CLASS
6:30p-8:30p: SERVICE

FRIDAY

7-8a: WORKOUT
9a-12p: CLASS
1-5p: LEADERSHIP
SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY

FREE DAY

KEY DATES

SEPTEMBER 11:
Kick-Off

OCTOBER:
Yellowstone Trip

DECEMBER 15-
JANUARY 8:
Christmas Break

APRIL 1-5:
Spring Break

JUNE:
Washington
D.C. Trip

JUNE 9:
Graduation

TAKE 9 MONTHS TO GET THE NEXT 50 YEARS RIGHT

Applications due by July 1st

To apply, go to gracecitychurch.com
or use the QR code!





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