

# THE ISSACHAR SCHOOL



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## NEW STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Dear **Issachar School** Student,

Welcome to the **Issachar School**, a regional affiliate of **Wagner Leadership Institute**. We are glad that you are a part of this new concept in training.

**Wagner Leadership Institute (WLI)** trains and equips men and women for leadership positions in local churches, translocal ministries, and the workplace. **WLI's** goal is to equip leaders in necessary skills for effective ministry.

As a **WLI** affiliate, the **Issachar School** offers a unique approach to ministry training. Our goal is that you gain revelation of God's purposes and a prophetic sensitivity to His timing, along with the impartation of effective ministry skills. The educational paradigm of the **Issachar School** differs considerably from traditional academic models of ministerial or ordination-track education.

Because of the uniqueness of the **Issachar School**, we ask that you read through this handbook to become familiar with our policies and practices. If you have any questions or comments, please call our office at 1-888-965-1099 or 940-382-7231 or email us at [ISSACHARSCHOOL@GLORYOFZION.ORG](mailto:ISSACHARSCHOOL@GLORYOFZION.ORG). You can mail any correspondence to the **Issachar School**, Glory of Zion International Ministries Inc., P O. Box 1601, Denton, TX, 76202 or fax to us at 940-565-9264. Our goal is to make your time at the **Issachar School** an enjoyable and life-changing experience.

In His Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Heidler', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert D. Heidler, Th.M.  
DEAN, THE ISSACHAR SCHOOL

## OUR STUDENT BODY

Our student body is open to men and women from all cultures, races, and walks of life. No previous academic credentials are required for enrollment.

## OUR FACULTY

Our faculty is made up of internationally known apostolic leaders. A partial list of our faculty includes:

Dr. Chuck D. Pierce - Chancellor, Apostle, Glory of Zion International Ministries  
Dr. Robert Heidler - Dean, Apostolic Teacher & Senior Pastor, Global Spheres Center  
Dr. Linda Heidler - Deliverance Minister, Glory of Zion International Ministries  
Other Guest Faculty  
Rose Flieger – Administrator, Student Advisor

## ISSACHAR SCHOOL COURSES

We offer a variety of courses in four categories. The following is a partial list of topics covered within the Issachar curriculum:

### A. BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES

Bible Overview  
How to Study the Bible  
Foundational Truth

### B. UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES AND SEASONS

The Issachar Anointing: Understanding Times and Timing  
Understanding God's Appointed Times (Biblical Calendar)  
Understanding our Covenant Roots  
Recognizing the Wind of the Spirit and how He has moved through the centuries  
Understanding Our Opponent  
Building the Dwelling Place of God  
Understanding the Months Prophetically  
Understanding the Significance of Your Tribe

### C. SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS

Interpreting Dreams & Visions      Interpreting Hebrew Numbers  
Interpreting Symbols and Types      The Apostolic Church

### D. EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR EXPLOITS

Experiencing the Spirit      Deliverance Training  
Intercession Training      Healing Ministry Training  
Prophetic Training      Teaching the Word

## CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The **Issachar School** does not offer diplomas. We do offer *Certificates of Completion* to students who have fulfilled all the requirements set forth for graduation.

The first requirement is to complete the assigned CORE classes. Our 3-year curriculum has been established. Each year has its own list of CORE classes that must be completed in order to receive the appropriate Certificate of Completion. The second and third year curriculum also includes ELECTIVE classes. You can download the First, Second, and Third Year Curriculum lists from our website.

The second requirement is to attend one major conference convened by Glory of Zion International in Corinth, TX. The following conferences are examples of major conferences: Passover, Pentecost, and Head of the Year.

The last requirement is to complete at least 50 training units (TUs) for the First-year certificate.

Two-year and three-year certificates will be available to students who cumulatively earn 100 and 150 TU's respectively.

All **Issachar School** TUs also earn credit toward a **WLI** diploma. **WLI** offers four levels of diplomas: Associate of Practical Ministry, Bachelor of Practical Ministry, Master of Practical Ministry, and Doctor of Practical Ministry. Please contact **Wagner Leadership Institute** at 1-877-777-9709 for more information.

Individuals may audit any course without enrolling as a student in the **Issachar School**.

Audited courses do not earn credit toward an **Issachar School** certificate. NOTE: An audited course will be counted for credit if you enroll in the **Issachar School** and submit the required self-evaluation form within the appropriate time period.

*Disclosure: Because of the non-academic nature of **WLI** and the **Issachar School**, there should be no expectation that **WLI/Issachar School** training units will be recognized for transfer or standing in a traditional academic institution. Since our educational paradigm is different from traditional seminaries and Bible schools, some ecclesiastical organizations may not recognize **WLI/Issachar School** diplomas/certificates as legitimate credentialing for ministry. Before enrolling in **WLI**, check with your ordaining body to be sure that your diploma will be accepted. For more information about **WLI** please contact **Wagner Leadership Institute**, 1539 E. Howard Street, Pasadena, CA 91104. Telephone: 1-877-777-9709. Fax: 626-797-7964.  
Web: [WWW.WAGNERLEADERSHIP.ORG](http://WWW.WAGNERLEADERSHIP.ORG). Email: [info@wagnerleadership.org](mailto:info@wagnerleadership.org).*

## HOW TO ENROLL AS AN ISSACHAR STUDENT

The **Issachar School** has a web page available at [WWW.GLORY-OF-ZION.ORG/ISSACHAR](http://WWW.GLORY-OF-ZION.ORG/ISSACHAR). You may apply to the **Issachar School** by going to the *Registration page* which contains our application and Letter of Recommendation Form. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the **Issachar School** and we will send you these forms.

The Letter of Recommendation Form must be completed by a pastor or ministry leader who has personal knowledge of your life and ministry skills. They do not have to be connected with the church you currently attend.

We believe it is vital for **Issachar School** students to know who they are to be connected or aligned with. It may be a local church/ministry or Glory of Zion Ministries through Zion-Connect. This information is to be included on their application.

Upon acceptance, each student will be sent a letter of acceptance.

## **COURSE FORMATS – WAYS TO EARN TRAINING UNITS**

The **Issachar School** provides a number of ways for students to earn training units toward their certificates. These include:

### **Distance Learning**

Our previously taught classes are available at home through DVDs/CDs. You can find a list of core/elective classes required for First, Second and Third by going to [www.gloryofzion.org/issachar/courses.htm](http://www.gloryofzion.org/issachar/courses.htm) and clicking on the Courses link.

### **Approved Conferences**

These are conferences convened by Glory of Zion International Ministries (GZI) or Global Spheres or have been approved for credit by the Dean at the student's request. The student must attend at least 80% of the conference in order to receive the full amount of training units.

### **Supervised Ministry**

Credits may be earned through such venues as mission trips, prayer journeys, and participation on a ministry team. (Supervision and reporting required.)

### **Home-Based Study (books or tapes)**

Students can read an approved book or listen to tapes from an approved conference; this course of study provides one training unit. Students are only allowed to earn up to 5 training units of the 50 needed for certification by this method. Any book that is written by an **Issachar School** faculty member is automatically approved. Any tapes from conferences hosted by Glory of Zion Ministries or Global Spheres are automatically approved. Requests for approval of any other books or tape sets will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please email or mail your request to the **Issachar School** administrator.

## **REGISTERING FOR COURSES/EVENTS**

The **Issachar School** has a web page available at [www.gloryofzion.org/issachar/index.htm](http://www.gloryofzion.org/issachar/index.htm)

This Web page has a listing of all **Issachar School** classes and GZI conferences available for Issachar credit. If you do not have internet access, please contact the **Issachar School** and we will send you a list of these events.

**Courses by CD or DVD:** A list of courses available on CD or DVD will be posted on our website. To register to take a course by CD or DVD, please contact our office at 1-888-965-1099 or 940-382-7231. When you have completed the course, you must send in a self-evaluation form, and any other required assignments, in order to receive credit.

**Approved Conferences:** If you plan to take an approved conference for credit, *you must register for the conference first* and then contact the **Issachar School** to register for credit. You may be required to give written confirmation that you are registered for a conference (such as a confirmation letter or proof of payment) to the **Issachar School** office. If you wish to attend a conference that is not convened by GZI, please provide the Issachar office with details of the conference including the ministry sponsor, dates, speakers, title and subject matter. You must receive **PRIOR** approval in order to have it eligible for **Issachar** credit. **Please note, you must attend the conference live either in person or via webcast in order to receive the full amount of assigned training units. Otherwise, if completing the conference via DVDs/CDs you will earn only 1 training unit.** (Please see Home-Based Study below.)

**Supervised Ministry:** If you are planning to be involved in some form of Supervised Ministry, please complete a **Supervised Ministry Request Form** and send it to the Issachar office. You can download the **Request Form** from our website. Students are advised to keep a copy of the completed form for their records. If your request is approved, we will notify you how many TUs have been assigned and what the credit fee will be.

**Home-Based Study (Books or Tapes):** Once you have chosen an approved book or tape set to study, please contact our office at 888-965-1099 or 940-382-7231 to register. If you would like to get credit for a book or tape not on our list, please write or email, giving us the name of the speaker/author, topic, length, and other relevant information. Approval will be granted on a case-by-case basis, based on the relevance of the material to the **Issachar School** curriculum. Students earn 1 training unit for each book or tape set, up to a limit of 5 training units per year. The credit fee for each book or tape is \$25. When you have finished your study, send in your self-evaluation form and the \$25 registration fee in order to receive **Issachar School** credit.

If you take a course for training units, you will not be allowed to repeat it for training units. In addition, any courses, conferences, practical ministry, etc. that are NOT part of the **Issachar School** curriculum and were completed prior to official acceptance will NOT be counted towards certification. This is not to be confused with the policy which gives students the opportunity to change an audit of an **Issachar School** course into a credit with the proper steps. Please see the section on **Certification and Diplomas**.

## TUITION

All students pay a one-time enrollment fee of \$85 to activate their student file. If for some reason your application is not accepted you will receive a refund of the enrollment fee minus a \$25 processing charge. The enrollment fee is otherwise non-refundable.

Tuition for events/activities such as conference credit fees, Home Studies, Prayer Journeys, and/or Mission trips is \$25 per Training Unit (TU). Tuition cost per training unit is the same whether you are an enrolled student or auditing the course for non-credit.

**Courses by CD or DVD:** Full tuition must be paid before the CDs or DVDs will be shipped to you.

**Approved Conferences:** Issachar fees for conference credit are \$25 per TU. However, the cost of conference registration will be deducted from this amount. For example, a 4 TU conference would normally cost \$100 Issachar tuition. But if the student pays \$50 to register for the conference, the Issachar tuition would only be \$50.

**Supervised Ministry/Home-based study (books and tapes):** Once you have completed the approved event or course of study, please send in your tuition payment with your self-evaluation form. A satisfactory evaluation by your supervisor must also be submitted before credit is assigned for the supervised ministry event.

To transfer an outside course or conference to the Issachar School for credit, a minimum \$25 tuition fee will apply.

## **GUIDELINES TO HELP YOU COMPLETE YOUR ASSIGNMENTS**

After completing an **Issachar School** course, your assignment is to write a self-evaluation paper, around one page in length. It can be completed on a self-evaluation form or you can write it into the body of an email or as a Word document.

A self-evaluation form may be obtained at the conclusion of an event by downloading it from our website. If you do not have access to a computer, it can also be sent to you by mail or email. The purpose of this paper is to help you assimilate what you have learned. The paper should include the following:

- A general overview or nugget of what each speaker or writer said
- How it has impacted your life
- How you will apply this to your life and ministry.

If you are completing this form for an approved Supervised Ministry experience, you should include a brief description of your ministry activity along with how it impacted your life and ministry. Your ministry supervisor should complete a **Supervised Ministry Evaluation Form** and submit it to our office. This form will allow them to evaluate your progress and effectiveness in ministry.

If you are completing this form for Home-Based study, you should include a brief description of the book and list the author(s) as well as how it impacted your life and

ministry. In regards to conference tapes include a brief description of what EACH speaker taught as well as how they impacted your life and ministry.

If you are completing a course by DVDs or CDs you have 60 days from the date you BEGIN the class to complete the course and submit the self evaluation form.

Students are advised to keep a copy of each submitted form for their records. Some **Issachar School** courses may include additional course work which will be up to the discretion of the instructor.

## **GRADING**

The focus on training in the **Issachar School** is on both impartation and information. We believe that relevant information must be provided in a context of imparting skills and anointing for practical ministry. Ministry in the Spirit receives equal emphasis to ministry in the Word of Truth.

Therefore, unlike purely academic training which measures head-knowledge alone, the **Issachar School** recognizes the impartation of revelation unique to the student's life and experience as well as head-knowledge. The student is the one best able to measure the impact of the anointing and revelation for them. For this reason, grades are not given for courses or training experiences. Instead, the student completes a self-evaluation form to try to communicate the depth of impartation the course has provided. Each paper will be reviewed and, upon approval, the appropriate TUs will be assigned. In regards to Supervised Ministry activities, we must receive a satisfactory **Supervised Ministry Evaluation Form** as well as your self-evaluation form before we can grant training units.

Transcripts will be sent out quarterly to each active student who sent in self-evaluations during that quarter. Students are advised to keep a copy of each transcript for their records.

While there is no grading, the **Issachar School** does reserve the right to refuse to grant credit for a course if the student's classroom conduct or assigned work was judged unacceptable.

## **NEW STUDENT REFERRAL PROGRAM**

We recognize that one of the best ways to recruit new students is by word of mouth. Therefore, we are offering all students an incentive to help gain new students. If you refer a person to the **Issachar School** and they become an enrolled student, we will give you one free course.

In order to earn this award, the prospective student must list your name on the application, clearly stating that you referred them to the **Issachar School**. Once they become an official student and pay the enrollment fee, you will receive your credit for a free course.

## **RECORDING OF COURSES/EVENTS**

**Issachar School** courses are available in audio or video format. ***PLEASE NOTE:*** **We do not allow any personal tape recordings of events.** Students may share material or tapes with a spouse, but the spouse will receive no credit unless they register for the course.

## **GROUP VIEWING OF COURSES**

Our policy on churches or others showing our DVD's in a group setting is that they first understand that this material is copyrighted and is protected under general copyright law. Therefore, copying or duplicating of **Issachar School** material or tapes is prohibited without written permission from the **Issachar School**.

It is the desire of the **Issachar** leadership to make the material available to as many people who desire to understand this particular revelation. If you plan to organize a group viewing of any Issachar material, please contact our office to receive permission from the Dean, along with our written policy and guidelines.