

Portraits of Christian Service (CH300) Course Syllabus

I. Learning outcomes for CH300

In CH300, students will be introduced to a variety of noteworthy people throughout the history of the church who glorified God in their lives and subsequently changed the landscape around them and expanded the kingdom of Christ.

II. Required Reading

John Piper, 21 Servants of Sovereign Joy: Faithful, Flawed, and Fruitful (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2018).

III. Assignments

Written assignments should be turned in together at the close of a course.

- 1. Read 21 Servants of Sovereign Joy.
- 2. Choose a sermon, book, or article written by one of the subjects described in 21 Servants of Sovereign Joy, and write a two-page reflection paper on its contents. A reflection paper identifies the subject(s) under consideration and gives a summarization of your reaction to the material with evidence from the material to support your suppositions. Reflection papers answer the questions "Did you agree with the claims of the author?," "What did you learn?," "What misconceptions did you have that the author helped you correct?" Footnote all citations. For further help consult How to Write a Reflection Paper.
- 3. Choose a noteworthy Christian from history, whether mentioned in 21 Servants of Sovereign Joy or not, and write a five to eight-page research paper which describes that person and what he or she did to expand the kingdom of Christ. This paper should include at least five written works aside from the assigned reading. Footnote all citations and provide both a cover page and a works cited page. Consult either the Chicago Manual of Style or Turabian for questions of citation and pagination.