I. Prayer / Preview Course Syllabus / Introductions

II. Goals for This Unit:

A. Clarify definitions and distinctions between mentoring, discipleship, and coaching.

B. Explore historical context for mentoring relationships.

C. Empathize distinctive opportunities for mentoring in life and ministry.

III. Clarification: Definitions and Distinctions

A. Mentoring “is a relational experience in which one person empowers another by sharing God-given resources” (Stanley & Clinton, *Connecting*, 33).

B. Discipleship

C. Coaching

IV. Reflection: What are your experiences with mentoring / discipleship /

coaching?

V. Perspective: Historical Context for Mentoring

A. Origin of the term: Homer’s Odyssey

B. Connection with parenting (Deut. 6:4-9, 20; Prov. 4)

C. Emphasis on the power of example (Quintilian - 1st Century A. D.)

D. Relationship with craftsman / apprentice economic model

VI. Opportunity: Contemporary Enthusiasm for Mentoring

A. Personal

B. Educational

C. Professional

D. Spiritual

VII. Relationships: Discuss plan for one-on-one sessions.