HOW TO MAKE MOST OUT OF THIS COURSE

5 important dimensions to consider:

1. Personal Management:

   The most important aspect is to have a pure intention. We should study this course purely for seeking the pleasure of Allah swt. If we attain His pleasure, it will be THE success for us.

   While studying, we should also try to avoid sins as much as possible. Imam Waqee, the teacher of great Imam Shafi‘i, once advised him and said:

   العِلْمَ نُور
   والنورُ الله لايؤتى لعاصي

   i.e. the knowledge is noor, and the noor of Allah does not come to the rebellion.

   So, let's make a sincere effort to come close to Allah swt.

2. Time Management:

   We have kept the lecture duration per day to be approximately 30 minutes. The reason for keeping the daily time commitment to this small duration is with a hope that everyone will be able to free up this much time.

   Even those on a tight schedule can manage to complete the daily lectures - If you are driving to or from work, gardening, exercising, cooking or doing other works, you can still benefit from the audios in the meanwhile.

   It is requested that the lectures should be listened to on daily basis. Try your best not to fall behind. You can set aside a particular time in the day. Give it a little thought and decide what are the most productive and most convenient 30 minutes in your day to dedicate to seeking this blessed knowledge.

   If you lag behind for some unavoidable circumstances, it is a given that Satan will present it as a justification to miss the future lectures too. Don't listen to him and keep listening to your daily lectures. You can gradually bridge the gap and cover the missed lectures, inshaAllah.

3. Retention of learning:

   You can learn a fair bit if you just listen to the lectures. However, if you follow some of the active learning strategies below, the retention will inshaAllah be longer.

   A. Revise the lecture, if possible. Listen to it more than once if you get an opportunity.

   B. Ask questions. You can either send them to the group admin or discuss with a scholar available near you. But please, do not keep the questions and points that need clarification confined within yourself.

   C. Do try to appear in quizzes. Listen to each point in the lecture with the mindset that it might come up in the quiz as a question.

   D. Make notes and figures, if possible.

   E. The most effective strategy: Whatever you learn, pass it on to others! Teach others the same day or the next!

4. Tips for enhancing the understanding:

   In addition to the aspects mentioned in point number 3, you can use the following strategies to boost your understanding:
A. When you are listening to the tafseer, do not think that it us about some people of the past. It is as applicable to as it was on those people. Ponder on the verses as if they are revealed to solve the problems you are facing today.

B. Compliment the learning from lectures by reading a tafseer of your choice.

C. Respect the teacher. This is one of the key things on which student's success depends.

D. There are some points about which scholars differ in their opinions - for legitimate reasons. Have an open heart and mind and do not think from the perspective of a particular firqa. Sectarianism can only bring narrow-mindedness. It would close the doors of learning for us.

5. Avoid distractions:

Please try to avoid distractions for your self as well as others. One of the key distractions these days is frequent social media notifications - and if it is an irrelevant forwarded message, it adds to the pain. So please, do not forward any unnecessary messages on the group.

"May Allah accept this effort from all the brothers and sisters, and make it a source of their success in this world and the hereafter".