



## SYLLABUS

TIM Centre Diploma: Foundations in Missional Ministry and Church Leadership

**Course Title: Romans: Understanding Paul's Theology for Today's Church**

**Course Time: Monday evenings, 6:30-9:30pm, Jan. 25, 2016 – Mar. 21, 2016**

Monday, Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 22, Feb 29, Mar 7, Mar 14

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### I. Course Description

This course on Romans will explore the biblical and theological truth that Paul expounds in the letter. The course will outline how Romans can be a foundation and guide for faith and ministry for Christians and the Church living in the multicultural, multiple faith context of Toronto.

### II. Learning Outcomes

Through an interactive and inductive study of the book of Romans, students will gain a deeper understanding of their Christian faith that allows them to be engaged and successful in their individual and church mission. Some of the learning outcomes for this course are:

- Through inductive study participants will learn how to exegete the text
- To Understand the intended meaning of the letter to the original audience
- Be able to give an overview of the major themes of Romans
- Understand foundational principles of Paul's theology
- To learn how the teaching of Romans can be applied to living in a multicultural context

### **III. Course Requirements**

#### **A. Assigned Readings**

1. Commit to read all of the text of Romans
2. Stott, John R. W. *The Message of Romans*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2001 (textbook)
3. Articles: articles will be distributed as supplemental reading in class

#### **B. Assignments and Grading**

1. *Biblical Reflection Paper*: Starting from the second week, each student will complete a **bi-weekly one-page reflection paper (Total of three)** based on the assigned reading of the previous week. Reflect on one or two main ideas gleaned from Romans or the textbook of John Stott, and also reflect on how that idea can be applied in your own mission or ministry context. **Each one-page paper due at the beginning of class. (30% of final grade)**
2. *Theological reflection Paper*: Choose one theological theme from Romans: i.e. Human Depravity; Justification; Redemption; Sanctification; Holy Spirit; The Church; Write a 3 page paper showing you understand Paul's explanation of this doctrine and how it can be applied to your life and the life of the church. **(35% of final grade)**
3. *Group Presentation*: With a few other students, use a biblical passage or the textbook pages assigned to you and present to the rest of the class how this passage helps us understand the mission of God. How does this passage inform the mission of the Church in any multiple faith city like Toronto? A signup sheet will be provided in the first class. **Ten – fifteen minute presentation, due according to signup date. (25% of final grade)**
4. *Involvement*: Attendance in class, and participation in large and small group discussions, as well as completion of assigned readings comprise this segment. **(10% of final grade)**

#### **C. General Guidelines for the Submission of Work**

- Keep your assignments within the page range provided. Papers that go over or under the range will be deducted grades.
- Use double space for all your written assignments.
- Please include a title page, references and a bibliography.

\* Use gender inclusive language and Scripture. For example, “Humanity is made in the image of God” vs. “Mankind is made in the image of God.”

#### **IV. Summary of Assignments, Due dates, and Grading**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Percent of Final</b>
Biblical Reflection (3-1 page double space)	Weekly from the second week forward.	30%
Theological Reflection paper	March 14	35%
Group Presentation	As assigned	25%
Involvement and completion of reading	Throughout	10%

#### **V. Course Dates and Outline:**

1. Jan 25 **Introduction: Paul, the Romans and the Gospel (Romans 1-2:16)**
2. Feb 1 **The Self-Confident Jews (Romans 2:17-3:8)**
3. Feb 8 **The Whole Human Race (Romans 3:9-20)**
4. Feb 22 **The Grace of God in the Gospel (Romans 3:21-8:39) – part 1**
5. Feb 29 **The Grace of God in the Gospel (Romans 3:21-8:39) – part 2**
6. March 7 **The Plan of God for Jews and Gentiles (Romans 9-11)**
7. March 14 **The Will of God for Changed Relationships (Romans 12-15:13)**
8. March 21 **Conclusion: The Providence of God in the Ministry of Paul (Romans 15:14-16:27)**