



SURVEY OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

This is one of four core courses offered in the TIM Centre's Certificate in "Foundations of Missional Ministry & Church Leadership." The training is prepared to serve the ministry leader who may not have a recognized theology degree but is seeking to be credentialed within a partner denomination.

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Understanding the content and the flow of Scripture is fundamental to understanding God's missional purposes for humanity. It is not just understanding the characters and events that are important but also understanding how God consistently worked in the lives of his people, in the nation of Israel, and in the church. His purposes are consistent throughout Scripture, from the creation to the consummation.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to acquire a good knowledge of, and/or skills in the following:

1. To recognize the unifying theme of the Old and New Testaments. We will see how the Old Testament narrative is structured around God's strategy in human history and is fulfilled in the New Testament.
2. To understand the history and literature of the Old and New Testaments. Part of what makes Scripture difficult to understand is the fact that it was written to a very ancient people. How they thought and how they lived is in many ways far different from ours in the modern world. Understanding the history and cultural forms of the Ancient Near East will be an important part of getting to the meaning of both the Old and New Testaments.
3. To inspire a passion for reading and studying the Scripture.

4. To develop a personal philosophy of missional ministry as revealed by God's purposes in the flow of Scripture.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED TEXTS

Fee, Gordon D. & Douglas Stuart *"How to Read the Bible Book by Book"* Grand Rapids. Michigan 2002

In addition, each student must have access to at least *two* modern translations of the Bible, preferably employing different translation techniques. For example, students may choose one of the following "dynamic" translations: NIVI, NIV, NEB, GNB; and one of the following "formal" translations: NRSV, RSV, NASB, and NKJV.

B. SUPPLEMENTARY / RECOMMENDED READING:

It would be helpful to have a good introduction text to the Old and New Testament like:

Guthrie, Donald. *New Testament Introduction*. Downers Grove, Ill: Inter-Varsity Press, 1990.

Harrison, R. K. *Introduction to the Old Testament; With a Comprehensive Review of Old Testament Studies and a Special Supplement on the Apocrypha*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1969.

D. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

1. Class Participation – 15%

Attendance & Participation

Because the Foundations of Missional Ministry course incorporates a cohort learning style, it is crucial that students attend and participate in all classes. Any class missed reduces the participation mark significantly. More than two missed classes result in a fail.

2. Reflection Paper on an OT Missional Theme – 30% Due: 28th Oct. 2013

Take an OT missional theme (to be discussed in class) and write a reflection paper (4-5 pages) showing how it is developed in the Old Testament and what application it can have for your life and ministry of the church today.

3. Reflection Paper on an NT Missional Theme – 30% Due: 18th Nov. 2013

Write a reflection paper (4-5 pages) on how God reveals his missional intent in the NT and how you see God's mission at work in your context. Reflect on how you do mission and your personal philosophy of missional ministry.

4. Reading The Text Book and Scripture – 25%**Due: 18th Nov. 2013**

Read each introduction to the books of the bible from the Fee textbook. Students are expected to read 2 chapters from each book of the bible each week in preparation for the sections of the Bible that will be covered each week.

Assignment	Due Date	Percentage
Class Attendance - participation	Each Class	15%
1st Reflection Paper	28 Oct.	30%
2nd Reflection Paper	18 Nov.	30%
Reading Report	18 Nov.	25%
Total Grade		100%

E. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

Students should consult the current *Academic Calendar* for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System. The Academic Calendar is posted at www.tyndale.ca/seminary/calendar.

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE (40 hours total course time)

CLASS DATES: Thursdays (6:30-9:30pm): beginning September 9th

*** Note: These are new revised dates for this course. ***

Old Testament Facilitated by Dr. Narry Santos:

- Sep. 9: Books of Moses: Genesis to Deuteronomy;
Seeing Missional Themes in the Pentateuch
- Sep. 16: Books on Conquest, Exile, & Return: Joshua to Esther
Seeing Missional Themes in the OT Historical Books
- Sep. 23: Books of Poetry: Job to Song of Songs
Seeing Missional Themes in the OT Poetic Books
- Sep. 30: Books of Prophecy: Isaiah to Malachi
Seeing Missional Themes in the OT Prophetic Books

New Testament Facilitated by Dr. Michael Krause:

- Oct. 7: Intertestamental Period: 400 Silent Years
Story of Jesus & the Church: Matthew to Acts
- Oct. 14: * No classes – Thanksgiving **
- Oct. 21: Seeing Missional Themes in the NT Historical Books
- Oct. 28: Letters of Paul: Romans to Philemon
Seeing Missional Themes in Paul's Letters
- Nov. 4: General Letters & NT Prophecy: Hebrews to Revelation
Seeing Missional Themes in the General Letters & the Apocalypse