COURSE: “Transforming Your City: Whole Church, Whole Gospel, Whole City”

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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Today over 50% of the world’s population live in cities. This course is designed for people who desire to live out the mission of God in the city. In this course you will learn how to develop a theology of the city and how the Kingdom of God can bless and transform people and the structures of society. Throughout the course you will be challenged by stories and case studies of how God is working to transform cities. By the end of this course you will be beginning to articulate a strategy for how you and your church can engage in transformation of your city.

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to:
• Define what city transformation is and what it is not
• Explain why city transformation is key to extending God’s kingdom
• Understand and articulate a theology for transforming the city
• Explain city transformation from a historical perspective
• Understand why unity is key in building a strategy for city transformation
• Provide illustrations of Wholistic Gospel in city transformation
• Understand the importance of developing strategic partnerships
• Develop a personal and local church strategy for engaging in city transformation

3. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Swanson, Eric. To transform a city: Whole Church, Whole Church, Whole City. Grand Rapids. MI: Zondervan. 2010.

B. SUPPLEMENTARY/ RECOMMENDED READING
C. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

1) Class Participation and Attendance – 20%

This course is designed for significant discussion and in class participation. Students are expected to read the assigned reading and come to class prepared to discuss questions from the text. Participants are encouraged to attend each of the 8 classes in order to gain the greatest benefit. Missing more than two classes will result in an incompletion of this course.

2) Report on the Course Text – 40%

The student must complete reading text book and write a 4-5 page typed report. The report would consist of answers to selected questions from the chapters. These answers should include personal reflection as well as application in the life and ministry of the student in the city.

3) Case Study Report on City Transformation – 40%

The student will write a 4-5 page paper describing a plan and strategy for integrating their congregation into the process of community and city transformation. The paper should include:

- An assessment of current condition and opportunities existing within both the congregation and the broader community.

D. COURSE SCHEDULE

The class will meet 6 times from 6:30 – 9:30 PM on Mondays at Peoples Church. We will also hold an open Saturday session. We encourage you to bring people from your network to this Saturday seminar.

1) April 13

2) April 20

3) April 27

4) May 4

5) May 11

6) May 23 (Saturday Seminar 9:00-4:00)

7) June 1