



Course: Life As Mission Basic (LAMB)

Tuesdays, 7:30pm – 9:30pm
September 16 thru December 2, 2025

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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Do I have to be a cross-cultural overseas missionary to participate in God's mission? What does my study, work or family life have to do with God's mission? What about social justice or creation care? What does it mean to live a "missional life" or grow a "missional church"? Using Christopher Wright's book, *The Mission of God's People*, we will explore together how to be a missional people who participate in God's mission in all spheres of our lives. The two primary questions we will address together are: Who are we (our identity)? And what are we here for (our mission)? The class will provide a comprehensive and holistic vision of God's mission for God's people in God's world. We will incorporate reading and discussion, prayer and practice through which we will be equipped to equip God's people for missional living.

2. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, we anticipate that students will:

- a. Reframe their understanding of "mission" through a biblical-theological and missional reading of the whole Bible.
- b. Establish a holistic vision of God's mission that is to be applied in their personal lives and church ministries.
- c. Possess resources to equip God's people to participate in God's mission in everyday lives.

3. COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topics	Assignments
1	Sep 16	Course Overview and Orientation <i>Who Are We and What We Are Here for?</i>	Sign up for Book Presentation
2	Sep 23	<i>People who Know the Story They are Part Of</i> <i>People Who Care for Creation</i>	Read MGP Chapters 1, 2 & 3 Submit responses to "Relevant Questions" at the end of each chapter
3	Sept 30	Reading Week (No Class)	Work on Book Presentation
4	Oct 7	<i>People Who Are a Blessing to the Nations</i> <i>People Who Walk in God's Way</i>	Read MGP Chapters 4 & 5 Submit response to "Relevant Questions"
5	Oct 14	<i>People Who are Redeemed for Redemptive Living</i> <i>People Who Represent God to the World</i>	Read MGP Chapters 6 & 7 Submit response to "Relevant Questions"
6	Oct 21	<i>People Who Attract Others to God</i> <i>People Who Know the One Living God & Savior</i>	Read MGP Chapters 8 & 9 Submit response to "Relevant Questions"
7	Oct 28	<i>People Who Bear Witness to the Living God</i> <i>People Who Proclaim the Gospel of Christ</i>	Read MGP Chapters 10 & 11 Submit response to "Relevant Questions"
8	Nov 4	Book Presentation: 1) Wright, <i>The Great Story and the Great Commission</i> 2) Goheen, <i>A Light to the Nations</i>	
9	Nov 11	Book Presentation: 3) Ashford and Thomas, <i>The Gospel of Our King</i> <i>People Who Send and Are Sent</i>	Read MGP Chapters 12 Submit response to "Relevant Questions"
10	Nov 18	<i>People Who Live and Work in the Public Square</i> <i>People Who Praise and Pray</i>	Read MGP Chapters 13 & 14 Submit response to "Relevant Questions"
11	Nov 25	<i>Reflection and Relevance for Missional Living</i>	Read MGP Chapters 15 Submit response to "Relevant Questions" Submit Personal Reflection Paper
12	Dec 2	Final Exam	Prepare for the Exam

4. TEXTBOOKS

Primary Textbook

Wright, Christopher J. H. *The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2010.

Options for Book Presentation:

- a. Ashford, Bruce & Heath A. Thomas. *The Gospel of Our King: Bible, Worldview, and the Mission of Every Christian*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2019. (201 pages)
- b. Goheen, Michael. *A Light to the Nations: The Missional Church and the Biblical Story*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2011. (226 pages)
- c. Wright, Christopher J. H. *The Great Story and the Great Commission: Participating in the Biblical Drama of Mission*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2023. (152 pages)

5. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING GUIDELINE

a. Reading and Class Discussion (30%)

- Before each class, read the chapters to be discussed and submit responses to "Relevant Questions" at the end of each chapter.
- Actively participate in class discussion.

b. Book Presentation (20%)

- Choose one book to do a book presentation.
 - i. Prepare PowerPoint Slides for 30-minute presentation as a group.
 - ii. Facilitate 15-minute Question & Response.
- Book presentation should respond to the following questions:
 - i. What is the big idea of the book?
 - ii. What are the most helpful insights into understanding mission?
 - iii. What are the key takeaways for application for church ministry?

c. Personal Reflection Paper (20%)

- Personal reflection paper should include responses to the following questions:
 - i. How did the class help you to reframe your understanding of "mission"?
 - ii. How did the class help you to establish a holistic vision of God's mission that is to be applied in your personal life and church ministry?
 - iii. How did the class help you to be equipped to equip God's people to participate in God's mission in their lives?

d. Final Exam (30%)

- Students will be given open-ended questions from the primary textbook (*The Mission of God's People*). It is an open book exam.

6. RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDIES

* Bartholomew, Craig & Michael Goheen, *The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2014.

Bauckham, Richard. *Bible and Mission: Christian Witness in a Postmodern World*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2003.

Beale, G.K. *The Temple and the Church's Mission: A Biblical Theology of the Dwelling Place of God*. New Studies in Biblical Theology. Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity, 2004.

Bosch, David J. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in the Theology of Mission*. American Society of Missiology Series, 16. Maryknoll: Orbis, 1991.

* Flemming, Dean. *Recovering the Full Mission of God: A Biblical Perspective on Being, Doing and Telling*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2013.

Goheen, Michael. *Reading the Bible Missionally*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2016.

* Guder, Darrell L., ed. *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. and Peter T. O'Brian. *Salvation to the Ends of the Earth: A Biblical Theology of Mission*. New Studies in Biblical Theology. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2001.

Newbigin, Leslie. *Foolishness to the Greeks: The Gospel and Western Culture*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1986.

Stott, John R.W. *Christian Mission in the Modern World*. Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity, 1975.

Van Engen, Charles E. *God's Missionary People: Rethinking the Purpose of the Local Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1997.

* Wright, Christopher J. H. *The Mission of God: Unlocking the Bible's Grand Narrative*, Downers Grove: Inter Varsity Press, 2006

Wright, N.T. "Paul and Missional Hermeneutics." In *The Apostle Paul and the Christian Life: Ethical and Missional Implications of the New Perspective*, edited by Scott McKnight et al., 179-92. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2016.