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Course Syllabus

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EVANGELISM AND THE MISSIONAL CHURCH
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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a conceptual and practical examination of the message and mission of the Church. Particular attention will be given to evangelistic methodologies for individuals and local churches as well as the essential content and communication of the gospel. We will discuss critical issues such as atonement, culture, Scripture, contextualization, pluralism, social justice, a revitalization of the local church, and Jesus as the key to help it all make sense.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Describe the essential content of the core message and mission of Jesus.
- Name multiple approaches to communicating the gospel and making disciples.
- Develop thoughtful answers to challenging questions people pose about Jesus, faith, and salvation.
- Appreciate and understand the role of the local church in evangelism.

- Develop multiple working models for how individual Christians and the local church together can become more intentional about living out the Great Commission of Jesus.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED TEXTS

Cavey, Bruxy. *(re)Union: The Good News of Jesus for Seekers, Saints, and Sinners*. Harrisburg, VA: Herald Press, 2017.

Ogden, Dave. *Transforming Discipleship: Making Disciples A Few At A Time*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2003.

B. SUPPLEMENTARY / RECOMMENDED READING:

Barrs, Jerram. *Learning Evangelism from Jesus*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2009.

Bowen, John P. *Evangelism for Normal People: Good News for Those Looking for a Fresh Approach*. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress, 2002.

Boyd, Gregory. *Benefit of the Doubt*. Baker Publishing, 2013.

Boyd, Gregory A., and Edward K. Boyd. *Letters from a Skeptic: A Son Wrestles with his Father's Questions about Christianity*. 2nd ed. Colorado Springs, CO: Cook Communications, 2008.

Carter, Joe, and John Coleman. *How to Argue Like Jesus: Learning Persuasion from History's Greatest Communicator*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2008.

Chilcote, Paul W., and Lacey C. Warner, eds. *The Study of Evangelism: Exploring a Missional Practice of the Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2008.

Cloud, Henry and John Townsend. *How People Grow*. Zondervan, 2009.

Craig, William Lane. *On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision*. Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook, 2010.

Dickson, John. *The Best Kept Secret of Christian Mission: Promoting the Gospel with More Than Our Lips*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2010.

Gilbert, Greg. *What Is the Gospel?* Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010.

Green, Michael. *Evangelism in the Early Church*. Rev'd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2003.

Horton, Michael. *The Gospel Commission: Recovering God's Strategy for Making Disciples*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing, 2011.

Hunter, Todd D. *Christianity Beyond Belief: Following Jesus for the Sake of Others*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2009.

Jones, Scott J. *The Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbour: A Theology of Witness and Discipleship*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2003.

Keller, Timothy. *Gospel in Life*. Zondervan, 2010.

Koukl, Greg. *Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2009.

Lane, Timothy, and Paul David Tripp. *How People Change*. Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2008.

- Lindsley, Art. *Love – The Ultimate Apologetic: The Heart of Christian Witness*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2008.
- Mann, Alan. *Atonement for a “Sinless” Society*. Paternoster Press, 2005.
- McKnight, Scot. *The King Jesus Gospel: The Good News Revisited*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011.
- McRaney, Will Jr. *The Art of Personal Evangelism: Sharing Jesus in a Changing Culture*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman, 2003.
- Ogden, Dave. *Discipleship Essentials: A Guide To Building Your Life In Christ (Expanded Edition)*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2007.
- Peace, Richard. *Holy Conversation: Talking About God in Every Day Life*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2006.
- Petersen, Jim, and Mike Shamy. *The Insider: Bringing the Kingdom of God into Your Everyday World*. Colorado Spring, CO: NavPress, 2003
- Phillips, Richard D. *Jesus the Evangelist: Learning to share the gospel from the book of John*. Lake Mary, FL: Reformation Trust Publishing, 2007.
- Reid, Alvin. *Evangelism Handbook: Biblical, Spiritual, Intentional, Missional*. Nashville, TN: B&H Publishing Group, 2009.
- Richardson, Rick. *Reimagining Evangelism: Inviting Friends on a Spiritual Journey*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2006.
- Rideout, Kenneth N. *The Truth You Know You Know: Jesus Verified in Our Global Culture*. Nashville, TN: NDX Press, 2005. Smith, Gordon T. *Beginning Well: Christian Conversion & Authentic Transformation*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2001.
- Sider, Ronald J. *Doing Evangelism Jesus’ Way: How Christians Demonstrate the Good News*. Evangel Publishing House, 2003.
- Stetzer, Ed, and Philip Nation. *Compelled by Love: The Most Excellent Way to Missional Living*. Birmingham, AL: New Hope Publishers, 2009.
- Tyra, Gary. *Defeating Pharisaism: Recovering Jesus’ Disciple-Making Method*. Colorado Springs, CO: Authentic Publishing, 2009.
- Wilhoit, James C. *Spiritual Formation as if the Church Mattered: Growing in Christ through Community*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2008.

C. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

1. Class Participation: 10% of final grade.

Student participation will be graded on a scale of 1 to 5:

- 1 (or D-): significant absences or non-constructive involvement;
- 2 (or D): present, not disruptive; responds when called on but does not offer much; infrequent involvement;
- 3 (or C): adequate preparation, but no evidence of interpretation of analysis; offers straightforward information; contributes moderately when called upon;

- 4 (or B): good preparation, offers interpretation and analysis, contributes well to discussion in on-going fashion;
- 5 (or A): excellent preparation, which offers analysis, synthesis and evaluation of material; contributes significantly to ongoing discussion.

2. Salvation Story: 15% of final grade. Due on Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

Students are asked to write their testimony – how their personal story intersects with the story of Jesus, as addressed to a non-believing audience. Be prepared to share verbally in class. Length: 1000-1,500 words (3-5 pages).

3. Critical Book Review: 30% of final grade. Due on Monday, July 10, 2017.

Students are expected to write and submit a critical book review of one of the books listed as supplementary / recommended reading. The assigned task is to provide a careful and thorough examination of the basic issues(s) at stake in the text, and to evaluate the relative strength(s) and/or weakness(es) of the author's case. Review the work critically: don't merely summarize but, rather, seek to express the dominant issues and argument of the work. Length: 2,000—3,000 words (7-10 pages).

4. A Final Paper: 45% of final grade. Due on Monday August 7, 2017.

The paper should be a substantial piece of theological analysis in response to one of the questions provided for this assignment (a list of essay questions will be distributed on the first day of class: you will need to answer only one of these questions in your essay).

The essay should not simply report, summarize, or review class materials (though you are encouraged to draw from class lectures, discussion and expected to draw from required readings). It should, rather, concentrate upon theological (method or history) rather than only biblical questions (though an understanding of biblical issues will be relevant to the argument of your paper). It should demonstrate thoughtful reflection, analysis, and should embody a conceptual argument in which various angles of the questions are explored in fairness and at length. Length: 3,000—5,000 words (10-15 pages).

Please note the following about written assignments...

- All requested lengths are approximations. A good paper is a good paper, and may have a natural ending point that is somewhere outside of the expected norm.
- Submitted material must be typed and a personal copy retained. Use the following format for consistency: Times New Romans 12 point font, double spaced. Please use footnotes rather than endnotes. Submit papers stapled in the upper left hand corner without binding. Students are responsible to keep a back up print copy of all assignments.
- For more information, see the Tyndale Seminary [Research and Writing Guide](#) (2014).

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Final Paper Suggested Themes:

a) Teaching-Based Apologetics

Take your research of our class material on teaching-based apologetics one step further. Compare major themes in the teaching of Jesus with major documented needs of humankind. Back up your findings both biblically and with contemporary research in the fields of sociology, psychology, and anthropology.

b) The Gospel of Jesus vs. the Gospel of Paul

How is the message that Paul preached similar to and/or different from the message of Jesus? Did Paul hijack the religion of Christ and take it in a direction Jesus would not have intended? Or was Paul faithfully expanding on and applying the core message of Jesus? Examine and illustrate the diversity and coherence of the Gospel message in the teachings of Jesus and Paul.

c) The Cross of Christ as the End of Sacrifice

To what extent was animal sacrifice a universal norm in the ancient world and what were the (ir)religious implications of the crucifixion of the Son of God, for Jews and non-Jews alike? What are the implications for how we proclaim the Gospel today? How can we make this aspect of the Gospel relevant to our post-sacrificial culture?

d) Methods of Proclamation & Discipleship

What approaches to reaching non-believers are bearing fruit in our culture? What methods of discipleship appear to be most effective? Research a minimum of three diverse churches to analyze and assess their approaches to evangelism and discipleship.

e) Choose Your Own

Before the end of the week, submit a proposed topic for approval.

D. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

For proper citation style, consult the [Chicago-Style Quick Guide](#) (Tyndale e-resource) or the full edition of the [Chicago Manual of Style Online](#), especially [ch. 14](#). For citing scripture texts, refer to sections [10.46 to 10.51](#) and [14.253 to 14.254](#).

Academic Integrity

Integrity in academic work is required of all our students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity, and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors; using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an assignment; improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism. Tyndale University College & Seminary takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty.

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 <http://tyndale.ca/registrar>. An excerpt is attached with this syllabus for easy reference.

E. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments:

Class Participation	10%
Salvation Story	15%
Critical Book Review	30%
Final Paper	45%
Total Grade	100%

F. COURSE EVALUATION

Tyndale Seminary values quality in the courses it offers its students. End-of-course evaluations provide valuable student feedback and are one of the ways that Tyndale Seminary works towards maintaining and improving the quality of courses and the student's learning experience. Student involvement in this process is critical to enhance the general quality of teaching and learning.

Before the end of the course, students will receive a MyTyndale email with a link to the online course evaluation. The evaluation period is 2 weeks; after the evaluation period has ended, it cannot be reopened.

Course Evaluation results will not be disclosed to the instructor before final grades in the course have been submitted and processed.

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

MONDAY June 19th: WHY (Our Motivation)

Reading: Please read Cavey, *(re)Union* before the start of the course

- AM Session
 - Introduction of course and participants
 - Evangelism as Partnership (God, Individuals, and the Church)
- PM Session
 - Understanding and Embracing the Great Commission
 - Heaven & Hell & Judgement in Evangelism

TUESDAY June 20th: WHAT (Our Message)

- AM Session
 - Understanding the Gospel (part 1 – The Message of Grace)

- Understanding the Gospel (part 2 – The Message of Faith)
- PM Session
 - Understanding the Gospel (part 3 – What the Gospel is Not)

WEDNESDAY June 21st: HOW (1) – Aggressive Grace

- AM Session
 - Approaches to Proclamation (part 1 – Personal)
 - Approaches to Proclamation (part 2 – Corporate)
- PM Session
 - Approaches to Proclamation (part 3 – Apologetics)

THURSDAY June 22nd: HOW (2) – Teaching-Based Apologetics

- AM Session
 - Approaches to proclamation (part 4 – Advanced Apologetics)
- PM Session
 - Approaches to Discipleship (Biblical Principles)

FRIDAY June 23rd: HOW (3) – Structuring for Discipleship

- AM Session
 - Approaches to Discipleship (Church Structures)
- PM Session
 - Questions, Challenges, & Loose Ends

V. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Beckwith, Francis J., et al, eds. *To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian Worldview*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2004.

Beilby, James, and Paul R. Eddy, eds. *The Nature of the Atonement: Four Views*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2006.

Boulton, Matthew Myer. *God against Religion: Rethinking Christian Theology through Worship*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2008.

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Busenitz, Nathan. *Reasons We Believe: 50 Lines of evidence that confirm the Christian faith*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2008.

Carson, D.A. *Scandalous: The Cross and Resurrection of Jesus*. Wheaton: IL: Crossways/Good News Publishers, 2010.

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