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| Course | EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP CHED 0693 / PAST 0693 / YMIN 0693 |
| Date and Time | SEPTEMBER 13 – DECEMBER 6, 2021 MONDAYS 8:15 – 11:05 AM |
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| Class Information | The classes will be livestreamed on Mondays 8:15 AM–11:05 AM. Students may participate in live-streamed office hours: Mondays 11:15 AM – noon or at a separate time by appointment. |
| Course Material | Access course material at classes.tyndale.ca or other services at Tyndale One . Course emails will be sent to your @MyTyndale.ca e-mail account only. Learn how to access and forward emails to your personal account. |

Tyndale Undergraduate students may enroll in this course under the following course code:

UGS 3563

NOTE: This course is joint-listed between Undergraduate Studies and Seminary. It is a graduate level course and operates on the Seminary scheduled related to reading days, start and end of semester, exam schedule and according to the Seminary Academic Calendar.

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Examines the theological principles and practical ministry strategies involved in evangelism and discipleship. Several models of evangelism and discipleship will be explored, including both the content and the methods. Valuable for anyone in ministry who has the final goals of evangelism and discipleship.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Summarize and explain how the gospel is the good news that transforms humanity through interaction with the texts, in class exercises, and through developing their personal story.
2. Clearly construct and describe, in language comprehensible to non-Christians: (a) an overview of the Biblical story, (b) the gospel of Jesus Christ, and (c) the mission of the Church as a result of an in-class exercise and Bible story project.
3. Articulate the theological implications concerning human and divine partnership in the process of salvation and discipleship as a part of their personal story and the final integrative project (part 1).
4. Construct tools and systems for sharing the faith and encourage discipleship in both individual and group settings through the Bible story project and the final project (part 2).

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED READING

Text Books:

Chilcote, Paul and Lacey Warner. *The Study of Evangelism: Exploring a Missional Practice of the Church*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008. Selected chapters. (ISBN 978-0802803917)

Everts, Don, Doug Schaupp & Val Gordon. [*Breaking the Huddle: How Your Community Can Grow Its Witness*](#). Downers Grove: IVP, 2016. (ISBN 978-0830844913)

Fitch, David. [*Faithful Presence: Seven Disciplines that Shape the Church for Mission*](#). Downers Grove: IVP, 2016. (ISBN 978-0830841271)

Selected Readings (PDF copies will be on the class page on classes.tyndale.ca)

Chan, Sam. "A theology of evangelism." In *Evangelism in a Skeptical World: How to Make the Unbelievable News about Jesus More Believable*, 13-38. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2018.

Newbigin, Lesslie. "The Myth of the Secular Society." In *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, 211-221. Grand Rapids, W.B. Eerdmans: 1989.

Newbigin, Lesslie. "The Congregation as Hermeneutic of the Gospel." In *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, 222-233. Grand Rapids, W.B. Eerdmans: 1989.

Newbigin, Lesslie. "Ministerial Leadership for a Missionary Congregation." In *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, 234-41. Grand Rapids, W.B. Eerdmans: 1989.

Newbigin, Lesslie. "Confidence in the Gospel." In *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, 242-244. Grand Rapids, W.B. Eerdmans: 1989.

Palmer, Parker J. "Life Among Strangers." In *The Company of Strangers: Christians and the Renewal of America's Public Life*, 19-37. New York: Crossroad Publ., 2006.

Palmer, Parker J. "Practicing the Public Life: The Congregation as Community." In *The Company of Strangers: Christians and the Renewal of America's Public Life*, 134-153. New York: Crossroad Publ., 2006.

Vanderstelt, Jeff. "Fluency." In *Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the Everyday Stuff of Life*, 37-48. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway, 2017.

B. SUPPLEMENTARY / RECOMMENDED READING AND TOOLS

EXAMPLES OF CONVERSION STORY:

Lewis, C.S. *Surprised by Joy: The Shape of My Early Life*. New York: HarperCollins, 1955.

Miles, Sara. *Take This Bread*. New York: Random House, 2007.

Ordway, Holly. *Not God's Type*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2014.

Salaberrios, Dimas. *Street God: The Explosive True Story of a Former Drug Boss on the Run from the Hood—And the Courageous Mission that Drove Him Back*. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House, 2015

Spufford, Francis. *Unapologetic*. New York: Harper Collins, 2012.

Stott, John. *Why I Am A Christian*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2003.

Qureshi, Nabeel. *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2018.

Tyndale recommends www.stepbible.org – a free and reputable online resource developed by Tyndale House (Cambridge, England) – for word searches of original-language texts, as well as for topical searches, interlinear texts, dictionaries, etc. Refer to the library for other [online resources for Biblical Studies](#).

C. INTERACTIVE LIVESTREAM AND/OR HYBRID COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Livestream attendance at announced times
- Headphones (preferred), built-in microphone, and web-camera
- Well-lit and quiet room
- Stable high-speed internet connection, preferably using an Ethernet cable over Wi-Fi

D. GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTIONS

Tyndale University prides itself in being a trans-denominational community. We anticipate our students to have varied viewpoints which will enrich the discussions in our learning community. Therefore, we ask our students to be charitable and respectful in their interactions with each other, and to remain focused on the topic of discussion, out of respect to others who have committed to being a part of this learning community. Please refer to “Guidelines for Interactions” on your course resource page at classes.tyndale.ca.

E. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

1. Livestream Class Participation and Forum Discussion: 20% of final grade. Pertains to all outcomes.

- *Read* (prior to class) the biblical passage to be explored that day *and* the assigned reading for that class, come ready to *discuss*.
- *For Discussion of Assigned Reading:* Be prepared to share the thesis of the reading, 2-3 ideas, your response to the reading and/or possible application
- *Some weeks forums for discussion will add to the opportunities for interaction*

Participation: Every absence and lateness will lower this grade and more than 3 unexcused absences are grounds for course failure. See the Academic Calendar for the excused absence policy.

2. Personal Testimony/Salvation Story: 20% of final grade.

Length: 5-6 pages

Date due: October 18th

Take a look at one of the recommended conversion stories, or a similar type of Christian conversion story. Write your own salvation story for a non-believing reader or audience. In light of our discussions in class, choose a theme to help you examine how your own story interacts with the story of Jesus. This requirement is related to outcomes 1 and 3.

3. Bible Study Project: 25% of final grade.

Length: 7-8 pages

Date due: November 8th

Choose from the gospels two encounters Jesus had with people. Plan a short (30 to 45 minute) study on each passage and then invite one person you know, who isn't a Christian, to read and talk about these encounters with you. (You will have two different interactions with your friend or family member to listen to their thoughts about who Jesus is and what Jesus is like). Write a paper based on your responses, surprises, and your thoughts on the conversations that occurred during these two times of interactions.

The first part of the paper should briefly describe what passages you studied, why you chose these passages, and the questions you chose to discuss together. Next, reflect and comment on the conversation that occurred during each of these sessions. How did you feel they went? What was your friend's response? Were there surprises for you? What did you learn from the conversations? What are you learning about the process of evangelism and discipleship? Say something about each of the studies. Finally, reflect on these conversations in the light of the course material. This requirement relates to outcomes 2 and 4.

4. Integrative Project: 35% of final grade.

Length: 12 pages

Date due: December 6th

This project, relating to outcomes 3 and 4, will be a written compilation of **two parts**.

Part 1. Write a 5-page reflection on the theological implications of evangelism and discipleship that you've learned in class and how you plan to implement this practically in your personal everyday life as a leader.

Part 2. Make a 7-page concrete ministerial plan using the resources/literature you have learned in class. Design a practical plan to support your congregational context to become more missional by reflecting on the following and more:

- a) Assess your congregation and what the barriers may be to living a missional life. How can these be addressed?
- b) Discern what your church's communal and individual gifts in evangelism may be. How can these be employed missionally?
- c) Create a system of accountability for leaders and the community that fits your context
- d) Strategize how to have testimony and life sharing be part of the community's culture
- e) Determine what contexts of the public your community needs to exercise biblical fluency. Articulate one bible passage that would support one specific demographic in speaking that bible passage in their everyday context.

F. EQUITY OF ACCESS

Students with permanent or temporary disabilities who need academic accommodations must [contact](#) the [Accessibility Services](#) at the [Centre for Academic Excellence](#) to [register](#) and discuss their specific needs. *New students* must self-identify and register with the Accessibility Office at the beginning of the semester or as early as possible to access appropriate services. *Current students* must renew their plans as early as possible to have active accommodations in place.

G. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments:

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| Livestream Participation and Forums | 20 % |
| Personal Testimony | 20 % |
| Bible Study Project | 25 % |
| Integrative Project | 35 % |
| Total Grade | 100 % |

H. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

1. Your work should demonstrate the following characteristics:
 - A clear thesis and a straightforward line of reasoning
 - Appropriate use of reference material in Chicago citation style
 - Willingness to examine and be critical of your own views and practice
 - Creativity in interacting with the ideas of others
2. Unless otherwise indicated, use full sentences and paragraphs written in Times New Roman 12 point font, double spaced with 1 inch margins. There should be no extra spaces between paragraphs, instead each new paragraph should be indented. The number of

pages listed does not include the title page or bibliography (which should be included). Footnotes are to be included, rather than endnotes.

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 [10.44 to 10.48](#) and [14.238 to 14.241](#).

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 takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty.

Students are encouraged to consult [Writing Services](#). Citation and other [tip sheets](#).

Students should also 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.

Research Ethics

All course-based assignments involving human participants requires ethical review and may require approval by the [Tyndale Research Ethics Board \(REB\)](#). Check with the Seminary Dean's Office (aa@tyndale.ca) before proceeding.

I. 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 link can also be found in the left column on the course page. 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. Student names will be kept confidential and the instructor will only see the aggregated results of the class.

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

Week 1 (September 13): Introduction: Evangelism and discipleship and the vision of the kingdom of God; discussion of course and overview of syllabus

Week 2 (September 20): Gospel is Good News! What is the gospel?

Read: *The Study of Evangelism*, chapters 2
Fitch, *Faithful Presence*, chapters 1-2
Bowen, *The Unfolding Gospel*, chapter 1

Week 3 (September 27). What is conversion? What is evangelism?

Read: *The Study of Evangelism*, chapters 3, 4
Fitch, *Faithful Presence*, chapter 3
Chan, *Evangelism in a Skeptical World*, chapter 1

Week 4 (October 4): What is the church? What is discipleship? Do we understand “the Great Commission”?

Read: *The Study of Evangelism*, chapters 15.
Bowen, *The Unfolding Gospel*, chapter 3, 4

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Week 5 (October 18): Why do evangelism?

Read: Fitch, *Faithful Presence*, chapter 4

DUE: Personal Testimony, October 18th

Week 6 (October 25): Witnessing communities

Read: Fitch, *Faithful Presence*, chapter 5
Newbigin, *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, chapter 17-18

MEET contact for Bible Study Project

READING DAYS: MEET contact for Bible Study Project

Week 7 (November 1): Human and divine roles in evangelism and discipleship

Read: Fitch, *Faithful Presence*, chapter 6, 7
Newbigin, *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, chapter 19-20

Week 8 (November 8): Appropriate models for our context.

Read: Fitch, *Faithful Presence*, chapter 8
Vanderstelt, *Gospel Fluency*, chapter 3

DUE: Bible Study Project, November 8th

Week 9 (November 15): Welcoming the Stranger

Read: *Breaking the Huddle, Part 1*

Palmer, *The Company of Strangers*, chapter 1, 7

Week 10 (November 22): Challenges of translating our stories; developing witnessing communities where conversions emerge

Read: *Breaking the Huddle, Part 2*

Week 11 (November 29): Discipleship in action, hospitality extended and received

Read: *The Study of Evangelism*, chapter 30.

Breaking the Huddle, Part 3 and 4

Discussion of Bible Study Project

Week 12 (December 6): Putting it all together -- the relationship between evangelism, discipleship, community, worship, and life

Read: *The Study of Evangelism*, chapter 17.

Fitch, *Faithful Presence*, chapter 9 and epilogue

DUE: Final Project, December 6th

V. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

([Tyndale Library](#) supports this course with [e-journals](#), [e-books](#), and the [mail delivery of books](#) and circulating materials. See the [Library FAQ page](#).)

Selected bibliography will be posted to the class webpage at the beginning of the course.