Course Summary:
Unlike many contemporary evangelical studies of “leadership”, this one-week seminar course will not focus primarily on spiritual character traits, techniques or methodologies. Instead, participants will wrestle with the Biblical *missio dei*, the *missional* shape of the church and related ministries, and the role of a *servant leader* within it.

Course Description:
Through a combination of pre-course readings, classroom presentations, seminar discussions, and an integrated paper, you will:

- Engage the Biblical *Missio Dei* with a holistic (Reformed) and *missional* understanding of the nature of the church
- Grapple with the Biblical leader/servant paradox
- Develop a Biblical understanding of *gospel strategy* within a post-Christian culture and within your own context
- Engage a Biblical understanding of *power* and *authority*.
- Demonstrate *peer* leadership competence
- Develop a plan for his/her own ministry from a missional perspective

Course Readings:

1. **Before reading any other assigned books, read this article first.**

2. **Read the following prior to the start of the course, fully engaging with the argument(s) of the author.** Each student will be expected to reflect mature reflection on these arguments in the daily seminars and in the content of the final course paper.
Course Paper:
Paper of 15 pages (minimum) is due October 31, 2013 at the D. Min. office of RTS-Charlotte. Based on the course readings and material, prepare a paper in which you:

- Fully *exegete* your current ministry situation (demonstrating diagnostic awareness of your cultural setting, spiritual climate, available resources, and other mission-relevant data, including past strategies), and

- *Develop a missional ministry plan that:*
  1. engages all the Biblical, theological, and strategic materials encountered in the course,
  2. clearly defines the mission,
  3. exhibits stewardship of the resources God has entrusted to your ministry
  4. identifies change to be navigated in the plan implementation, and
  5. describes your role as servant-leader in the pursuit of the plan.