PT 518 PASTORAL MINISTRY
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Course overview

This is an introductory course to pastoral ministry. Emphasis will be given to considering the Scriptural qualifications for the man God calls to be a pastor. We will also look at the necessity for developing a deep personal and intimate walk with the Chief Shepherd before considering the practical aspects of a pastor’s ministry.

Required Assignments

1. **Hospital Pastoral Care Work:** The student will submit a 4-page theological reflection paper on his work at Presbyterian Hospital. The paper may focus on one or more aspects of ministry encountered while on duty there, and relate lessons learned (about God or ministry or yourself or others or all of these) through the lens of Scripture. This should be written as if writing your congregation, letting them know what you discovered in your work there. (Under the oversight of The Rev. Hunter Roddey, Chaplain, Presbyterian Hospital, Matthews, NC) [25% of grade. Due May 1, 2012]

2. **Required Reading.** From the two books listed select one to write a three page review. Give attention to noting what was especially helpful as you consider the pastoral ministry. [25% of grade. Due May 1, 2012]

   A. Armstrong, John H. *Reforming Pastoral Ministry* (Wheaton, IL, Crossway, 2001)

3. **Chaplain Ministries Institute.** To fulfill the requirements of CMI, students must read *Spiritual Depression* by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones and answer the questions noted, with an additional personal reflection in a paper of no less than 5 pages. (Under the oversight of The Rev. Michael Cannon: email pastor.cannon@yahoo.com [25% of grade. Due May 1, 2012]

1. Where does spiritual depression show most visibly according to Lloyd-Jones? (p. 13)

2. How does one’s temperament make a difference in the diagnosis of problems in the Christian life? (p. 15) What examples parallel this in diet and exercise?

3. Define an introvert and an extrovert. (pp. 16-17) What is the difference between examining one’s self and introspection? (p. 17)

4. How does physical weakness affect the Christian in battle with the devil? (p. 19)

5. What is the cause of all spiritual depression? Who is a person listening to when they have spiritual depression? (p. 20)

6. To be cured of spiritual depression, what should we do instead of listening to ourselves? (p. 20-21)

7. What is the essence of Christian salvation? (p. 34)

8. What is the first step to be rid of Spiritual Depression? (p. 35)

9. How does Lloyd-Jones describe the miserable Christian? What is he doing wrong? (p. 40-41)

10. What is the most comfortable type of religion? (p. 44)

11. What opposition does Lloyd-Jones speak of concerning the “citizens of the Kingdom of God?” (p. 51)

12. Are there any in this kingdom who are exempt from the aforementioned opposition? (pp. 51-52)

13. What is the gospel a message of? (p. 54-56)

14. Describe the partial responses to the gospel that people give? Spec. head, heart, will. (pp. 56-60)

15. What order must these items come in? (p. 61)

16. Out of the head, heart, and will, which is the only one to be approached directly? (p. 62)

17. When this is done in proper order, what properly follows? (p. 61)
18. What are the two things that make it certain we will have troubles in the Christian life? (p. 121)

19. Should we keep a record or account of all that we do in the Christian life? Why or why not? (pp. 130-31) How does Lloyd-Jones say this affected his ministry? (p. 131)

20. What does Lloyd-Jones mean when he says that the Christian life is full of romance? (pp. 131-32)

21. Describe what Martyn Lloyd-Jones means by the Peter mentality or the Peter temperament. (pp. 151-52)

22. Describe how people create their own doubts. (p. 153)

23. The Galatians’ trouble was due to false teaching. Describe how this has been the trouble of the Christian church throughout history, and how it has and is being overcome. (p. 178)

24. Describe the two forms that false teaching takes, and specifically describe the form of false teaching found in Galatians. (p. 179)

25. What is God’s purpose for your life? And on the basis of what Scriptures? (p. 235) And what does this mean concerning your final destination? (p. 236)

26. If we do not understand this is God’s purpose for us, what view of God will we have? (p. 235)

27. Why are the people suffering in Hebrews 12:5-11? (p. 235)

28. Why is it not adequate to tell a person to stop worrying? (pp. 263-64)

29. Describe Stoic, Hindu, and Buddhist philosophy and defend how Paul’s teaching is not like that. (pp. 292-293) Why must we reject these negative views of life? (p. 293)

30. Should the preacher deal with specifics concerning politics or economics according to MLJ? Why or why not? (p. 294) What is the business of Christian preaching? (pp. 294-95)

4. Select one of the topics below and write a tract intended for distribution to your church family. {25% of grade. Due May 1, 2012]

- Dying Well
- Facing Tragedy
- Dealing with Cancer
- Preparing for Marriage
- Praying for your pastor/shepherd
- Worshipping in Spirit and in Truth
- Comfort for the Grieving
Recommended Reading

4. Bruce, Martin, *Concerning the True Care of Souls* (Edinburgh, Banner of Truth Trust, 2009)