Course Description: Why Aren’t Most Men Free?

All men seek to be real men. But most men are not intentionally developed into manhood by godly men. The result? Men unconsciously write their own code of manhood and follow it rigorously. But it’s a flawed code that excludes God and His great plan for His sons. Meaning well, we often end up in prisons that bar us from truly becoming men—hurting themselves and their loved ones in the process. The Good News of the Gospel of Grace is that because of Jesus, men of all ages can be set free from the chains that now bind them and develop into real men with a real Father who will invest Himself into transforming them more into the image of Jesus Christ every day of their lives. In this course you will gain a biblical and theological perspective toward such key topics as: What Men Really Want, Men Behind Bars, Becoming Dangerously Free and Dangerous Manhood According to Jesus. In addition this course will study how to implement and build a thriving disciple making ministry to the men of your church.

Course Instructor: Dr. Pete Alwinson

Dr. Pete Alwinson has been involved in developing men for over 30 years. Pete speaks to men around the country, teaching them to grow by God’s grace into godly men. His passion is to leave no man behind on the battlefield of life, but to encourage all men to grow in Christ and in turn, reach other men. A Californian, Pete is the founding pastor of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church, PCA in Winter Springs, Florida (north of Orlando), where he has served for 23 years as Senior Pastor. He is on the Board of Key Life Network, the Bible Teaching radio ministry of Dr. Steve Brown. He is Vice-President of Men's Ministry at Key Life, and can be heard on the Questions and Answer segment with Steve each Friday. Pete also is also on the board of Man in the Mirror and a speaker with them to men’s groups nationally. He is a graduate of Biola University, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and Reformed Theological Seminary. Pete has been married to Caron for 30 years. They have three children, Joel (Aly), Jon and Jessie. He knows he "married up" and loves to speak to men about his successes as well as his failures as a husband and dad. Pete’s style combines openness, humor, great stories and strong Bible teaching as he easily connects with men.
Course Assignments (Beyond Class Attendance & Participation)

Reading Assignments & Reports
Doctor of Ministry (credit) students are required to write a one-page report on the standard “Reading Report” format available in this course syllabus. Reading Reports should be submitted on the first day of class, all at once and be stapled (no folders). All reading reports not turned in on the first day of class are to be turned in with the course integration paper in approximately three months. Students will receive a grade reduction for late Reading Reports unless otherwise approved by the professor. Non-credit (audit) students do not submit reports.

Post-Class Integration Paper
Students are required to write a 15-20 page (double–spaced, 12 point font) course integration paper. This paper must reflect new work done by the student as a result of this course. The paper must demonstrate how the biblical and theological concepts learned in the class lectures AND course readings can be applied to the student’s personal life and ministry today. The paper must also a specific plan for the student’s continued growth in grace and application of the course concepts to his personal life and ministry in the future.

The integration paper is due April 29, 2011 unless special arrangements have been made with the professor prior to the end of the class work. The paper (electronic-softcopy) must also be emailed (Microsoft Word) to: jsisler@rts.edu


Recommended Reading
(If you have already read all of the “Required” books)


Overview—Give a brief overview of the book, including its theme, perspective and approach.

Critique—Offer a brief critique of the book, including elements of strength and weakness.

Application—Offer some specific application to your own ministry—demonstrating the value and relevance of the material in this book.

Best Quote—Be sure to include the page number where the quote can be found.
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