01DM820/01 EVANGELISM AND PASTORAL MINISTRY

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COURSE DESIGN
DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

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TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED (JAMES 4:15)

Introduction to the Course

Pastoral Motivation: Preaching

The greatest joy ever
The Bible is All About
The Chief end of Ministry
The Problem of Every Human Being
Personal Testimony

Definition of Terms: Preaching and Understanding

Evangelism,
Evangelist,
Evangelize,
Intercultural/Cross-cultural Evangelism
Missional

The Practice of Evangelism: Preaching and Doing

The Teaching and Ministry of Jesus
Matthew 4:12-17
Matthew 4:18-22
Matthew 4:23-25; 9:35-10:5
Matthew 28:11-20
Ten Biblical Principles to Implement and Why
The Teaching and Ministry of Peter
The Teaching and Ministry of Paul

The Field: Preaching and Reaching

Churched
Unchurched
Roman Catholics
World Religions—Islam
Group Discussion

Reformed and Puritan Evangelism: Group Discussion
The Sovereignty of God and Evangelism: Calvin and the TULIP
Puritan Evangelism: Discussion on Baxter and Beeke
Course Description

“Evangelism” and its practice within the context of the pastoral ministry and the work of every member of the body of Christ are reviewed in light of the teaching and the practical work of Jesus, the apostles, and the early church and applied to the context of our local churches. The dynamics of the preaching of the gospel as the motivational means of making Christ known across the street and around the world as portrayed in the Scriptures are also considered. During the class, “Evangelism” is taught in such a way that the lectures, small group discussions, and the exercises done in class and outside the classroom may be duplicated in the context of your local churches and denominations.

Please pray for our class and all the participants. You will be engaging in a tremendous and unbelievable spiritual warfare zone.

Course Requirements

1. Classroom attendance and active participation in group discussions.

2. The careful reading of the assigned materials and four reading reports (two pages each per book, except the Book of Acts), single space, highlighting the main propositions, statements, theses, principles, etc., gathered from the reading. Check the due dates of the readings and of the written reading reports.

3. Serious planning, involvement with, and commitment to an outreach project during this coming semester. 50% of your grade. You can also create your own outreach project or share your faith with, at least, 10 different unconverted, unchurched people during the semester.

4. A journal of the outreach project with the dates and main experiences, lessons, and/or impressions that you or/and your group have experienced during the semester.

5. Written Personal “testimonies.” Each doctoral student will have an opportunity to share his/her written personal testimony in class. For a format of how to prepare your personal “testimony,” see Metzger 2002, 209-210.

Required Readings

Books


At least 250 pages of an “evangelist” biography/biographies. Some suggestions:¹


Chapman, J. Wilbur. [1900]. The life and work of Dwight Lyman Moody (1837-1899). Wilbus Chapman was a close friend of Moody. This biography is available online: http://www.biblebelievers.com/moody/index.html

¹ Please, take the initiative to select the evangelist biography/biographies you would like to read during this semester. Check the internet, RTS Library, etc. Take a look at http://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/Biographies/.
Fullerton, W.Y.  

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon: A biography.* This biography is available online: [http://www.spurgeon.org/misc/biopref.htm](http://www.spurgeon.org/misc/biopref.htm)

Other Sources

Use your Internet search engine (Google, Yahoo, Bing, etc.) and search for “books on evangelism,” “evangelism bibliography,” “bibliography on evangelism,” “bibliographies on evangelism,” “evangelism institute,” “evangelism books,” “evangelism resources,” “theology of evangelism,” “history of evangelism,” “evangelism and culture,” “evangelism methods,” “Reformed Evangelism,” “Puritan Evangelism.”


**John Piper resources**—[http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library](http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library)


**Bakerpublishinggroup.com**  

**InterVarsity Press**—[http://www.ivpress.com/](http://www.ivpress.com/)

**Crossway Press**—[http://www.crossway.org/search?q=evangelism](http://www.crossway.org/search?q=evangelism)


**Annotated Bibliography:**  

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3 Includes the following publishing companies: BakerAcademic, BakerBooks, BethanyHouse, Revell, Chosen, BrazosPress, and Cambridge University Press.
Preliminary Bibliography

Books


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4 Update this preliminary bibliography by accessing the recommended websites above.


Edwards, Jonathan. 2002. *The salvation of souls: Nine previously unpublished sermons on the call of ministry and the gospel*. Wheaton: Crossway Books. These sermons were edited by Richard A. Bailey and Gregory A. Wills. Book well recommended by John Piper (Senior Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church), Douglas A. Sweeney (Chair, Department of Church History and the History of Christian Thought, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School), Harry S. Stout (Jonathan Edwards Professor of American Christianity, Yale University) and others. 179 pages


______. 1995. *One to one: How to share your faith with a friend.* Nashville: Moorings.


