2MS518 MISSIONS

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COURSE DESIGN

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

This course introduces the student to four key “missional” motivations as they relate to the Christian ministry: pastoral, biblical/theological, historical, and practical (strategy). Our goal is to learn in order to reach. The question to keep in mind is this: What does it have to do with God’s glory, the edification (building up) of the church, and the salvation of the unconverted across the street and around the world? These “lectures” and activities have been designed to be reproduced in the context of the local churches.

FORMAT

“Lectures,” guest lecturers, small group interactions, seminars, video presentations, and discussions.

TOPICS TO BE CONSIDERED

Pastoral Motivation: Preaching

The Problem of Every Human Being (Reminder)
The Greatest Joy of Every Human Being (Reminder)
The Ultimate Purpose of the Christian Ministry (Reminder)
The Preaching to All the Nations
Matthew 24, 28;
Mark 16:14-20;
John 17:18; 21:15-23;
Acts 1:1-8

(The Status of World “Evangelization” Today)

Biblical/Theological Motivation: Let the Nations Be Glad

What is the Bible All About?

Exegeting Words in the Light of the Scriptures
Mission, Missionary, Missionary Work, Mission Field
“Missional” (the “new” kid on the block)
Historical Motivation: Biographies

From Jerusalem to Edinburgh
From Pentecost to the World Missionary Conference 1910

From Edinburgh 1910 to Cape Town 2010

From Whom to Whom? From Where to Where? What?
The Servants
The Places (Geo-graphy X Theo-graphy)
The Work

Practical Motivation: Strategy—“Just Do Something”

Critical Issues in World “Missions” Today

Case Study: Islam (Studying the Qur’an)

Church Planting and Cultural “Anthropology”
Case Study: The Taliabo Story

So What?

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance—“Classroom attendance is for the glory of God and preparation for the gospel ministry. Students therefore are expected to attend class sessions....” (RTS Catalogue).

SIX (6) ABSENCES: GRADE F
FOUR (4) ABSENCES: GRADE C+
THREE (3) ABSENCES: GRADE B-

Three reading reports—The careful reading of the assigned books and three reading reports (two pages each per book, except for the book of Acts), single space, highlighting the main propositions, statements, theses,

1 Eight hours of our time will be dedicated to study the Qur’an, especially its teaching regarding Jesus, the Holy Scriptures (the Jewish scriptures and the Gospel), and the “people of the book.”
principles, etc, gathered from the reading.  Check the due dates of the readings and of the written reading reports. IT IS THE STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT THESE INFORMATIONS VIA E-MAIL. DON’T WAIT FOR A REMINDER.

Participation in the classroom activities (“mission” reports/prayer, and presentations).

The first 20 minutes of the first class of each day will be dedicated to “mission reports” and prayer. Read Genesis 18:16-25, 32-33; Isaiah 56:7; Mark 11:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-6.

Small Group discussions and facilitators. Choose a Facilitator to represent your group.

A “lecture” presentation in a small group setting (Sunday School, for instance) about the life and ministry of a protestant evangelical “missionary,” highlighting God’s work through him and his family (wife and children), as well as his theology and strategy. Read Hebrews 11:39-12:2; 13:7. Due on December 2.

Interview (conversation with) a member of one non-Christian world religions (Muslim, Hindu, Buddhism, Judaism) and write one page report about your experience. Due on December 2.

Required readings:


At least 250 pages of reading on a world religion. **Due on December 2.**

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

**Dictionaries**


**Reading on Islam**


Paton (Banner of Truth).


**Recommended Reading**


**Other Readings in Biblical Theology of Mission**

For texts online see: http://www.religion-online.org/listbycategory.asp?Cat=4. See also the Bibliography on Mission Studies (*International Review of Mission*).


_____. *The spontaneous expansion of the church: And the causes which hinder it*.


**Websites**

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http://www.lausanne.org (Check it out)
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