COURSE SYLLABUS – DM801
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THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to “Theology of Ministry,” a doctor of ministry course that explores pastoral ministry from a biblical, theological, cultural, and historical perspective. Topics include:

- The biblical foundations of pastoral ministry
- The pastor and ministry of the word
- The pastor and pastoral care
- The pastor and public worship
- The pastor and church administration
- The pastor and church government
- The pastor and his private and public life
- The pastor and contemporary American culture
- The work of the pastor in historical perspective

Lectures present a theology of Reformed pastoral ministry and its application to the life of the pastor and his work. Class conversations offer time to discuss the challenges and opportunities of ministry, and to work together toward developing a biblical theology of ministry and practice.

REQUIRED TEXTS


The Bible: 1 Corinthians 4, 1 Thessalonians 2, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Reading Assignments and Reports** — You should complete all reading assignments prior to the first class, and come to each lecture prepared to participate in class conversations. By January 9 you will submit a 1-2 page reading report on each required book. The assigned biblical texts may be treated as a single reading. The reading reports constitute 40% of the final grade.

   In this class, reading reports are not formal book reviews, but summaries of information and ideas collected from the readings that will prove useful to your pastoral ministry.

2. **Term Paper** — By April 30, 2015 students will submit a 20-25 page paper. Integrating the readings, class lectures and conversations, and personal ministerial experiences, the paper will address an area of concern in your pastoral ministry. The term paper constitutes 60% of your final grade.


4. **Electronic Devices** – Computers, tablets, and voice recorders are not permitted in the classroom. Cell phones should be turned off and put away.

5. **Disclaimer** - The instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus.

**RECOMMENDED READINGS FOR FURTHER STUDIES IN PASTORAL MINISTRY**


