**Missions**

**Reformed Theological Seminary - Houston**

Spring 2020

2 credit hours

**Dates:**

6 March 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

7 March 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

27 March 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

28 March 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

3 April 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

4 April 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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**Course Description**

The course is divided into four main areas.

**Part 1 The Biblical Foundation of Mission**

* The Biblical Mandate for Mission: The Flow of Redemptive History from the Garden to the New Heavens and the New Earth
* The Centrifugal and Centripetal Aspect of Mission in the Old and New Testaments
* The Formal Legal Witness-Bearing of the Church in its Mission to the World,
* New Testament Mission: The Spirit of God in Mission
* Paul, the Great Missionary of the New Testament and Paul’s Mission Principles
* John and Missions: 3 John

**Part 2 Cross Cultural Mission**

* Communication and Cross-Cultural Mission in Acts
* A Case Study: Communication and Cross-Cultural Mission to an Alternative Worldview - Africa
* Traditional Languages
* Contextualization, Good and Bad: The Translation of Divine Familial Terms for Muslim Language Communities

**Part 3 The Church’s Promotion and Duty Towards Mission and Missionaries**

* 3 John ESV
* Communication and Support between Church and Missionary
* Funding models and Mission Agencies

**Part 4 Contemporary Issues in Mission**

* The Great Missionary Movement of the 17th Century
* Reaching Unreached People Groups: Oral Training in Remote Areas
* Mission and Bible Translation
* Mission and Theological Education
* Islam and Christianity

**Proposed Lecture Outline**

6 March 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Introduction

The Biblical Foundation of Mission

7 March 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

The Centrifugal and Centripetal Aspects of Mission

The Formal Legal Witness of the Church in Mission

New Testament Mission: The Spirit of God in Mission

27 March 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

The Biblical Foundation of Mission 2

New Testament Mission: Paul and Mission

28 March 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Paul, the Mission, and the New Testament Church

 **Cross-Cultural Mission**

Communication and Cross-Cultural Mission in Acts

Communication and Alternative Worldview – Africa

Contextualization, Good and Bad

**The Local Church in Mission**

3 April 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**Contemporary Issues in Mission**

The Great Missionary Movement in 17 Century

Reaching Unreached People Groups, Oral Training in Mission in Remote Areas

(Rev. Buckman, Guest speaker, Amazon Jungle)

4 April 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Mission and Bible Translation

Mission and Theological Education (guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Cornelius Hegeman, MINTS

Mission to Islam (guest speaker, Ian Coulter, CWW)

As we have guest speakers, the program over the last two weekends may change to accommodate their schedules.

**Course Objectives**

To understand the scriptural missionary imperative

To understand the functions of mission in the Old and New Testaments

To understand New Testament mission principles

To understand the challenges of cross-cultural mission and contextualization

To consider issues in contemporary mission in 2020-2050

**Required Texts**

* Beale G.K. Mitchell Kim, *God Dwells Among Us: Expanding Eden to the Ends of the Earth* (available through Amazon)
* Van Rooy, *God’s Self -Revelation in the Old Testament and African Concepts of God* (available at Zugg.org)
* Pollock, John, *The Apostle: A Life of Paul,* David Cook Colorado Springs, rd ed. edition (January 1, 2012)
* Roland, Allen*, Mission Methods. St Paul’s or Ours, Kindle*
* Kelley, Douglas, *Systematic Theology*, *Volume 2,* “The Issue of Translating Divine Familial Terms for Muslim Language Communities,” pp.111-137 (pdf email instructor)
* Bays, Daniel, “From Foreign Mission to the Chinese Church”(https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/magazine/article/from-foreign-mission-to-chinese-church)
* Lorenzini, Massimo, “Mission in the Postmodern World” (email instructor)
* Lorenzini, Massimo, “Postmodern Truth Verses Biblical Wisdom

(https://thebattlecry49.com/2011/06/23/postmodern-truth-versus-biblical-truth/)

**Recommended Texts**

(These texts are not required reading for the examination.)

* The Holy Bible, preferably in a recent translation (The instructor will use the ESV.)
* Beale, G.K., *The Temple and the Church’s Mission* NSBT 2004
* Maranz, David E.*, African Friends and Money Matters: Observations from Africa*
* Corbett, Steve and Brian Fikkert*, When Helping Hurts* (Kindle)
* Coulter, Ian, *Meetings for Better Understanding, A Church Without Walls Model for Reaching Muslims for Christ* (ISBN 9780978631215; available from the PCA bookstore)
* Zaka, Anees, *Christology in Islam and the Biblical Antithesis, A Record of the Facts and A Plea for Better Understanding* (ISBN 9780999475737; available from the PCA bookstore)

**Assignments & Requirements**

**All assignment are due on the dates given and will receive a 10% off the final grade of the assignments.**

**Assigned Reading**

The student will complete all of the required reading. The student must indicate to the instructor in writing, at the time the Final Exam is turned in, how much of the reading has been completed (partial credit will be given).

**25% of Final Grade**

**Essays**

Short Article Review 1: Students will write a four-page summary of Douglas Kelley’s *Systematic Theology*, Volume 2, the article found on pgs.111-137 and come prepared to discuss it.

Short Article Review 2: Students will write a two-page summary of Daniel Bays’sarticle *“From Foreign Mission to the Chinese Church*”and come prepared to discuss it.

Short Article Review 3: Students will write a two-page summary of the article entitled “*Missions in the Post-Modern World*” by Massimo Lorenzini. **– All Essays due April 3rd.**

**25% of Final Grade**

**Mosque Visit**

Students will read the required texts and attend a mosque with a supervisor and write a four- page critical review. **– Critical Review due Friday, May 15th.**

**25% of Final Grade**

**Final Exam**

The final exam must be taken any time before **4:00 pm** on **Wednesday, May 20th**. You will have up to 3 hours to take the exam. You will make an appointment with Markus Berger who will proctor the exam and turn it in for you. Please bring your own notebook paper to write your answers. It will consist of several short answer (1-2 paragraphs) questions. Please arrange your schedule accordingly.

**Attendance**

Class attendance is required for all lectures. If a student anticipates an unavoidable absence, he should notify the instructor in advance. Each unexcused absence subjects the student to a reduction of his final grade.

**Grading Scale**

The grading scale for this course is the seminary’s grading scale. You will find it listed in the *RTS Catalog*.

**Plagiarism**

Please review the seminary’s policy on plagiarism. Plagiarized work will subject the student to failure of the course and possible disciplinary action.

**In-Class Computer Use**

Students are expected to conduct themselves as mature believers in Christ. Classroom manners should reflect this maturity. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices, and plan to return calls during breaks. Please refrain from surfing the internet, playing games, or chatting during class time.

**Approximate Course Schedule**

Please note that this schedule is approximate and subject to change at any time.
The instructor’s announced changes in class will be the final word on the nature and date of assignments. They are the student’s sole responsibility to note and to implement.

**Instructor’s Background**

Rev. Dr. Zugg is a teaching elder and assistant minister at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Houston (PCA). He has served in mission in Eastern Europe, Central America, Central Asia, Africa, and the Far East. He is the English Language Dean for Miami International Seminary and serves as the African, European, and Central Asian coordinator. He has an LLB (Hons), Barrister, MDiv, D.Min., and Ph.D.