

Evangelism and Discipleship (FMT 602)  
Course Syllabus and Outline  
Front Range Bible Institute (Spring 2010)  
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## I. Course Description

This course is one of the required courses in the area of field ministry and training (FMT courses). It has been designed to help equip students in the principles and practices of evangelism and discipleship.

The course will include direct instruction from the professor on the topics of evangelism and discipleship. It will also include significant input and instruction from other pastors and teachers who are especially gifted and experienced in different areas of evangelism and discipleship. In this course the student will gain exposure to a range of practical ideas and methods for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and carrying out ongoing discipleship.

## II. Course Objectives

- A. One objective of this course is to help students understand key theological principles of evangelism and discipleship. By its very nature, this kind of instruction has a theological character as its foundation involving the following kinds of doctrines:
- i. (1) the character and nature of God,
  - ii. (2) the character and nature of man,
  - iii. (3) the nature of sin and its impact upon mankind,
  - iv. (4) the person of Christ and the nature of His atoning work on the cross,
  - v. (5) the way by which God brings sinful beings into a saving relationship with Himself, and
  - vi. (6) the way by which God progressively brings redeemed human beings into conformity with His Son Jesus Christ.

A foundational element of this course will be to produce students who understand these basic, but essential theological principles.

- B. A second objective of this course is to have students gain a working familiarity with specific methods of evangelism and discipleship. Specialists who have significant experience will assist the professor in presenting and explaining these various evangelism and discipleship ideas:

<u>Ministry Concept</u>	<u>Ministry Specialist</u>
i. Evangelism Explosion	Lance Gentry
ii. Discipleship Evangelism	Lance Gentry
iii. The Way of the Master	Steve Johnson
iv. Relational Evangelism	John Bazemore
v. Direct Outreach	Jim Swift
vi. Men's/Women's Studies	Rob Zietlow
vii. Youth Ministries	Rob Zietlow
1. The structure and goal of Sunday School	
2. The structure and goal of Youth Groups	
3. The structure and goal of AWANA (or related)	
viii. Cross Cultural Missions	Jeff Anderson/George Walker
ix. Integrated Church Ministry	Lance Gentry
1. Evangelism at the personal level	
2. Evangelism at the corporate level	
3. The nature and role of Sunday School	
4. The nature and role of the worship service	
5. The nature and role of Life Groups	

- C. A third objective of this class is that this theological learning process would achieve its true end by producing a greater love for God and a greater desire for genuine worship. Jesus said that the Father seeks true worshippers who worship in spirit and truth. The goal of theology is more than acquisition of knowledge; it is to produce true worshippers of God.
- D. A fourth objective of this course is that students take the knowledge they acquire, and begin applying their growing knowledge in practical ministry. This will be accomplished by having students involved in various ministry projects that will put into practice the principles and methods they have learned in class.

### III. Required Course Materials

- A. Reading materials (all students):
- i. Professor's notes on Evangelism and Discipleship
  - ii. Coleman, Robert. *The Master's Plan Of Evangelism*. Grand Rapids: Fleming H. Revell, 1972.
  - iii. Whitney, Donald. *Spiritual Disciplines For The Christian Life*. Colorado Springs, NAVPress, 1991.
  - iv. Hughes, Kent. *Disciplines Of A Godly Man*. Wheaton: Crossway, 1991.
  - v. Master's level additional textbook to be acquired by the student: Piper, John. *Let The Nations Be Glad: The Supremacy Of God In Missions*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1993.
  - vi. The professor's syllabus and notes
- B. All students: Your own computer or at least access to a computer

- i. Class presentations should be on Microsoft Word, although the hard copies of your project do not necessarily have to be done on this program. Using the same program may be helpful when it comes to questions about style and formatting.
  - ii. It is recommended (though not required) that you see if you could employ Power Point in your teaching.
  - iii. You do not need to have a laptop in class, but you may use one for note-taking if you prefer.
- C. Logos Libronix Bible Software Program (highly **recommended** as a personal study tool, but not required for the class. Group discount may be possible through FRBI).

## IV. Course Requirements

- A. Attend all classes (if a student must miss a class, he/she must obtain a DVD copy and watch the lecture)
- B. Reading
- i. All students:
    1. Read Coleman, Robert. *The Master's Plan Of Evangelism*. Grand Rapids: Fleming H. Revell, 1972.
    2. Read Whitney, Donald. *Spiritual Disciplines For The Christian Life*. Colorado Springs, NAVPress, 1991.
    3. Read Hughes, Kent. *Disciplines Of A Godly Man*. Wheaton: Crossway, 1991.
    4. The student is to write a précis (precise synopsis) of each chapter of each book, indicating the main lessons learned from the reading. Be concise and hit the major lessons you have learned in each book.
    5. Read class notes and articles as provided by the professor
  - ii. Master's level:
    1. Read the following textbook: Piper, John. *Let The Nations Be Glad: The Supremacy Of God In Missions*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1993.
    2. Write a 5-10 page summary (double spaced) that highlights on a chapter by chapter basis the key principles learned in this book.
- C. All students: take notes as appropriate
- D. All students participate in the four ministry projects
- i. Participation in Discipleship Evangelism
  - ii. Participation in outreach with The Way of the Master project
  - iii. Participation in the "Direct Outreach" project
  - iv. Participation in a complete AWANA club

## V. Course Grading Criteria

- A. 20% Completed reading and book reports (the book report will serve as proof for the completion of the reading)
- B. 20% Participating in ministry project 1:
- C. 20% Participating in ministry project 1:
- D. 20% Participating in ministry project 1:
- E. 20% Participating in ministry project 1:

## VI. Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Projects and Requirements
1	4-13	Principles of evangelism and discipleship, pt. 1 (Lance Gentry)	
2	4-20	Principles of evangelism and discipleship, pt. 2 (Lance Gentry)	
3	4-27	Evangelism Explosion (Lance Gentry)	
4	5-4	Discipleship Evangelism (Lance Gentry)	
5	5-11	Direct Evangelism with Bibles and Bible tracts (Jim Swift)	
6	5-18	The Way of the Master (Steve Johnson)	
7	5-25	Relational evangelism and discipleship (John Bazemore)	
8	6-1	The nature and goals of men's and women's Bible studies (Lance Gentry)	
9	6-8	Cross Cultural Missions 1. Life experiences in cross cultural missions (George Walker) 2. Making your church a missions-minded church (Jeff Anderson)	
10	6-15	Youth Ministries, pt. 1 (Rob Zietlow) 1. The nature and goals	

		<p>of youth Sunday School</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The nature and goals of Junior Church</li> <li>3. The nature and goals of Youth Groups</li> <li>4. The nature and goals of structured youth ministries like AWANA</li> </ol>	
11	6-22	<p>Youth Ministries, pt. 2 (Rob Zietlow)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The nature and goals of youth Sunday School</li> <li>2. The nature and goals of Junior Church</li> <li>3. The nature and goals of Youth Groups</li> <li>4. The nature and goals of structured youth ministries like AWANA</li> </ol>	
12	6-29	<p>Developing an integrated church philosophy of ministry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evangelism at the personal level</li> <li>2. Evangelism at the corporate level</li> <li>3. The nature and goals of adult Sunday School</li> <li>4. The nature and goals of the Sunday morning worship service</li> <li>5. The nature and goals of the Sunday evening worship service</li> <li>6. The nature and goals of mid-week home fellowship groups (e.g., Life Groups)</li> <li>7. The nature and goals of mid-week church worship</li> </ol>	

		services/church Bible studies (and whether or not a church will choose to have a mid-week corporate gathering	
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## VII. Selected Bibliography

- Akin, H. L. Bert. *The Pastor's Complete Guide To Personal Financial Planning*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1993. This book is one of many tools on the subject of ministry finances. Pastors and missionaries do well to seek out a book like this to become familiarized with some of the special tax and financial issues that relate to ministry finances.
- Anderson, Robert C. *The Effective Pastor: A Practical Guide to the Ministry*. Chicago: Moody, 1985. This book is a very helpful and practical tool. It discusses issues like the role, relationships, and responsibilities of the pastor.
- Ascol, Thomas K. ed. *Dear Timothy: Letters On Pastoral Ministry*. Cape Coral: Founders, 2004. This book is a compilation of articles from multiple, experienced ministers on issues of pastoral ministry (e.g., priorities, family life, courage, humility, evangelism, etc.).
- Baxter, Richard. *The Reformed Pastor*. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1991. This book is a classic Puritan work on personal faithfulness to the shepherding responsibilities that belong to the pastor.
- Beals, Paul A. *A People for His Name: A Church-Based Missions Strategy*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1988. This is an excellent tool for helping a church develop and implement a biblically driven missions program.
- Bridges, Charles. *The Christian Ministry: With An Inquiry Into The Causes Of Its Inefficiency*. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1991. This book is a very practical book that examines the challenges of pastoral ministry. The book helps the Christian leader think about the kinds of hazards that come with pastoral ministry and suggests ways of overcoming these hazards.
- Bruce, A. B. *The Training Of The Twelve*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1971. An analysis of the ministry of Christ to raise up and disciple the twelve disciples.
- Coleman, Robert. *The Master's Plan Of Evangelism*. Grand Rapids: Fleming H. Revell, 1972. This is a very helpful book on basic principles and methods of evangelism.
- Dever, Mark. *The Deliberate Church: Building Your Ministry on the Gospel*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2005. This book is a very helpful and practical tool on what kinds of

priorities and practices the church should be putting into place. The book deals with every area of church ministry (e.g., evangelism, new members, the worship service, Sunday School, other gatherings, elder leadership, etc.).

\_\_\_\_\_. *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church*. Washington: Wheaton: Crossway, 2000. Dever's booklet is an excellent tool for reminding the pastor and church leader about what kinds of core commitments and practices every church should put in place.

Frame, John. *Contemporary Worship Music: A Biblical Defense*. Phillipsburg: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1997. This outstanding book discusses the nature of contemporary worship music and makes the case (from biblical and practical perspectives) that the church should openly brace contemporary Christian hymns and choruses if they are theologically sound. Frame (who comes from a very conservative Reformed background) makes a persuasive case that churches that despise good contemporary music simply because it is new and not in the same style as older hymns are likely to lack in having the kind of quality worship that they could have.

Friesen, Garry. *Decision Making And The Will Of God: A Biblical Alternative To The Traditional View*. Portland: Multnomah, 1980. A very good book to help Christians understand how to live according to the principle of making wise decisions.

Gangel, Kenneth O. *Feeding and Leading: A Practical Handbook On Administration In Churches And Christian Organizations*. As the title suggests, this book deals with many of the practical issues of leading and administering. A book like this is a great compliment to the other kinds of books that are more theologically driven.

Getz, Gene A. *Sharpening Your Focus Of The Church*. Wheaton: Victor, 1984. Along with John MacArthur's book *The Master's Plan for the Church*, this book is a very helpful tool in understanding the nature and purpose of the church. It is a must-read for pastors.

Haugk, Kenneth C. *Antagonists in the Church: How to Identify and Deal with Destructive Conflict*. Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1988. Conflict is the unfortunate reality of life in a cursed world. The church is certainly no exception to this rule. In this very helpful book Haugk addresses the reality of destructive conflict and provides very helpful suggestions on how to deal with it. This book can help the pastor and other leaders recognize destructive conflict and stop it before it spreads.

Hughes, Kent. *Disciplines Of A Godly Man*. Wheaton: Crossway, 1991. This very helpful book discusses godliness in a number of different realms such as marriage, parenting, the thought life, the workplace, the church, and other key aspects of daily living.

- \_\_\_\_\_. *Disciplines Of Grace: God's Ten Words For A Vital Spiritual Life*. Wheaton: Crossway, 1993. A very practical application of the Ten Commandments to show how God's commandments reflect the desire of God for men to live in grace.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Liberating Your Ministry from the Success Syndrome*. Wheaton: Tyndale, n.d. This book should be read by all in Christian ministry. Hughes reminds the Christian leader that God does not command Christians to gauge success by the same kinds of standard as the business world. God's primary command is faithfulness to the Great Commission. This tool can help the Christian leader from getting swept away by the feeling that he is in competition with other ministries.
- Hybels, Bill. *Courageous Leadership*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002. Hybels does an excellent job of challenging Christian leaders to think, formulate goals, and strive for those goals. Hybels talks about the way that he started Willow Creek Church as a ground up church plant and what kinds of challenges he faced over the years. Regardless of whether one embraces a "Willow Creek Model" as being right or best, Hybels' book is a helpful tool in becoming a proactive leader.
- Jefferson, Charles. *The Minister as Shepherd*. Hong Kong: Living Books for All, 1984. This short book reminds the pastor that his call is to be that of a shepherd to the God's flock and what the essence of being a shepherd really is.
- MacArthur, John. *Ashamed of the Gospel: When the Church Becomes Like the World*. Wheaton: Crossway, 1993. This book deals with the contemporary trends in the church of seeking a minimal gospel. From history the author shows the disastrous results of minimizing the gospel and calls on pastors to teach the Bible as it stands.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The Book on Leadership*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2004. In this book MacArthur teaches leaders about the requirements and demands of spiritual leadership, how to qualify for spiritual leadership, and how to help prevent oneself from failure in spiritual leadership.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Charismatic Chaos*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992. This book helps the student understand on a broad scale the problems that charismatic theology brings into the church.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The Master's Plan For The Church*. Chicago: Moody, 1991. This is an excellent book on the nature and purpose of the church. It is a must read for all who want to become active in serving as effective ministers in the church.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Reckless Faith: When the Church Loses Its Will to Discern*. Wheaton: Crossway, 1994. The main focus on this book is the way that certain major voices within the church are seeking to minimize the differences between evangelical and Roman Catholic teachings. The author charges the church to apply truthful and biblical standards to issues of doctrine.

- \_\_\_\_\_. *Rediscovering Pastoral Ministry: Shaping Contemporary Ministry With Biblical Mandates*. Dallas: Word, 1996. This is a very helpful tool for giving a biblical perspective to the requirements and responsibilities of pastoral ministry.
- Wayne Mack. *Preparing for Marriage God's Way*. A very practical resource for leading couples in premarital counseling.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Your Family God's Way*. Phillipsburg: P&R. A very good book about godly living within the family.
- Mack, Wayne and David Swavely. *Life in the Father's House: A Member's Guide to the Local Church*. Phillipsburg: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1996.
- Malphurs, Aubrey. *Advanced Strategic Planning*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005. This is a very good book on helping Christian workers become more effective, proactive leaders. Much of the book deals with the issue of "strategic planning," i.e., analyzing one's present ministry, setting goals for the future, and charting out a course on how to reach those goals. This book can be a very helpful tool for the Christian, especially for the Christian leader who is driven by biblical core values and presuppositions.
- Mayhue, Richard. *Spiritual Intimacy: Developing A Closer Relationship With God*. United States: Scripture Press, 1990. A helpful book for basic principles of developing a closer relationship with God.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *What Would Jesus Say About Your Church?* Scotland: Christian Focus, 2002. This book is modeled after the messages to the churches in Revelation. It is a good book for self reflection on priorities and practices.
- Obrien, P. T. *Gospel And Missions In The Writings Of Paul: An Exegetical And Theological Analysis*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1993. This is a good analysis of what the New Testament shows us about missions from the Apostle Paul.
- Packer, J. I. *Evangelism And The Sovereignty of God: The Puritan Vision Of The Christian Life*. Wheaton: Crossway, 1990. Discusses the Puritan concepts of holiness and how this relates to all of life.
- Peace, Martha. *The Excellent Wife*. Bemidji: Focus, 1998. A very good tool for counseling women about God's desire for them. This can be used for before or after marriage. It is a great companion to *The Exemplary Husband* by Stuart Scott.
- Piper, John. *Let The Nations Be Glad: The Supremacy Of God In Missions*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1993. This book provides an excellent explanation for the theological justification of missions.
- Priolo, Lou. *How To Help Angry Kids*. Alabama: S.E.L.F., 1996. A helpful book on dealing with anger in the hearts of children.

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- Rainer, Thom S. *Breakout Churches: Discover How To Make The Leap*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005. Rainer did extensive research on those churches that (1) were stagnant for a considerable time, but (2) experienced healthy spiritual growth without a change in leadership. The book shows how churches that devote themselves to excellence in every area of ministry experience healthy growth. It is a very good leadership tool.
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- Segler, Franklin M. *The Broadman Minister's Manual*. Nashville: Broadman, 1969. This is the little black book that pastors use for things like wedding vows. It is a practical little tool that explains how to do things like lead weddings and funerals and dedications, etc. Every pastor should have it when questions arise about "how to."
- Southerland, Dan. *Transitioning: Leading Your Church Through Change*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1999. Southerland wrote this book as a guide for how a church might develop a commitment to being a "Purpose Driven Church" (i.e., a church that is modeled according to the principles of Rick Warren's *Purpose Driven Church*). The value of this book does not consist of extolling the virtues of Rick Warren's philosophy of ministry as a whole (whether any particular idea is good or not). Rather, the value of the book is in the sense that it may help the pastor consider the need to be a proactive thinker and leader. Many churches (especially those that have become stagnant over the years) need to be brought back to a new focus (a Great Commission focus). This book helps leaders think through the way this process can take place.
- Spurgeon, Charles. *Lectures To My Students*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1954. This book is a classic work on the truths that Christian men should know and believe if they are going to serve as leaders in God's church.

Strauch, Alexander. *Agape Leadership: Lessons In Spiritual Leadership From The Life Of R. C. Chapman*. Littleton: Lewis and Roth, 1991. An excellent, short booklet on the importance of gentleness and humility in Christian leadership.

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suggests, this book has the goal of helping pastors and missionaries think about ways of applying in ministry the things they learned in the classroom.