

SYLLABUS

CONTENT

This course is designed to assist you in developing a Biblical understanding of church planting and growth, especially as they relate to global Christianity. An analysis of these topics will be made and this analysis will be compared to the current literature of these fields. The result is to lead you in developing a Biblical, workable strategy for planting a church or helping one grow wherever God leads.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. That the student understands the biblical foundations and demands for church planting and growth.
2. That the student will be able to analyze current literature in church planting and growth, drawing out useful principles for ministry.
3. That the student senses an urgency for being involved in church planting and growth.
4. That the student considers church planting a viable ministry.
5. That the student will be able to analyze his/her own culture and that in which he/she is/ will be involved, either for planting a church or helping one grow.
6. That the student develops a biblical, workable strategy for church planting and growth.
7. That the student, if possible, implement his/her strategy in a practical situation.

TEXTS

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Malphurs, Aubrey. Planting Growing Churches. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 2004.

REQUIREMENTS

1. To accomplish objectives 1 through 4 you will do a four (4) page critique for EACH book. You should compare the texts to scripture, state with what you agree and disagree and finally list principles you intend to use in your strategy.
2. To accomplish objective 5 you will do an analysis of Canadian culture and a different culture of your own choosing. You will give an overview of the two cultures in at least three (3) pages for each, you will compare and contrast the two cultures in three (3) pages and you will discuss in three (3) pages what these analyses will mean to you personally. Minimum of 12 pages.
3. To accomplish objectives 3 to 7 you will develop a church planting strategy for an area of ministry in which you are interested. You will decide what philosophy, criteria and tools you will use. The strategy should be 18 to 20 pages and be as real to life as possible

ALL MATERIAL HANDED IN WILL BE TYPEWRITTEN, FOLLOW PROPER FORM AND STAY WITHIN THE ASSIGNED PAGES.

GRADING

Your grade will be decided on the basis of 100 points each assignment. 300-270 A Range; 269-240 B Range; 239-210 C Range; 219-180 D Range; 179- F.

As per the catalogue missing over 20% of class attendance constitutes a loss of credit for the class.

SCHEDULE

Biblical Basis for Church Planting
Understanding The Church
Understanding The Holy Spirit's Role
Understanding The Message
Understand The Target Area
Understanding Approaches
Understanding Strategy
Understanding The Planter
Understanding Church Growth
Developing Church Discipline
Severing The Tie
Planted Planting and Wrap-up

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