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PT5710 Discipleship

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COURSE PURPOSE

This course is designed to affirm the priority of disciple-making within the life and ministry of the church beginning with the pastor and continuing by developing an infrastructure of disciple-making throughout the culture of the church which fully engages the leadership and membership of the church to fulfill the imperative of the Great Commission – “Go, Make Disciples.”

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To affirm the biblical imperative of a disciple-making ministry in the life and culture of every Christian and the church
2. To develop a disciple-making church ministry infrastructure
3. To challenge the student concerning his/her personal commitment and involvement in disciple-making
4. To equip the student for the implementation of a disciple-making ministry which both multiplies and mobilizes disciple-making leaders and disciple-making initiatives
5. To acquaint and engage the student with helpful disciple-making materials, books and ministry models

COURSE TEXTS AND MATERIALS

The Disciple-Making Pastor – Bill Hull

The Master Plan of Evangelism – Robert Coleman

Making Kingdom Disciples – Charles Dunahoo

The Discipline of Grace – Jerry Bridges

Growing in Your Faith – Jerry Bridges

How People Change – Timothy Lane & Paul David Tripp

Multiplying Disciples – Waylon Moore

*The Student is to read 5 of these 7 books with critical interaction – if a book has already been read for another course, select another.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Each student is required to complete the assigned reading material and be prepared to discuss the material in class.
2. Each student is to write a two to three page paper on each book assigned for reading which reports on the content of the book and interacts with the content of the book in terms of analysis and evaluation. The thesis of the book should be presented in the paper along with how the book affected you and your evaluation of the content with constructive critique. The book report must be formatted with Turabian Chicago standards including a title page.

3. A Disciple-making strategic ministry plan for your church or ministry is to be developed and presented as the course project. It is to consist of three to five pages focusing upon disciple-making leader multiplication and mobilization.
4. Class attendance and participation is required.
5. A two to three page paper on the importance of disciple-making in the life and ministry of the student and the church including the prepared disciple-making ministry infrastructure plan is due the last week of the course as with all other assignments.

COURSE GRADING

1. Class attendance and participation 25%
2. Book reviews and reports 25%
3. Disciple-making paper and Ministry Infrastructure Strategy plan 50%

COURSE FORMAT & STYLE STANDARDS

All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade.

Proper planning and timely completion of assignments is crucial.

All course materials must be submitted by the last day of class. Thereafter, course materials may be submitted for up to six weeks after the end of the semester directly to the office of the Registrar with the permission of the professor. If a student submits course materials after the end of the semester but within the six weeks grace period, the student's grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript.

COURSE OUTLINE

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| Week #1 | Introduction |
| Week #2 | Why is Disciple-making Important? |
| Week #3 | What is Disciple-making? |
| Week #4 | Biblically, How is Disciple-making Best Accomplished? |
| Week #5 | The Role of a Disciple-making Pastor |
| Week #6 | The Role of Disciple-making in the Church Leadership |
| Week #7 | Disciple-making Ministry "Best Practices" |
| Week #8 | Disciple-making Ministry "Pitfalls" |
| Week #9 | Disciple-making Ministry curriculum |
| Week #10 | Disciple-making in the Entire Tapestry of a Church Ministry |
| Week #11 | Who is on the Team? |
| Week #12 | Know Your Enemy |
| Week #13 | Getting Started |