

U-MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship
Spurgeon College CLD SYLLABUS
(An Affiliate of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)
Fall 2018– 3 CREDIT HOURS

Class Location: LifeSpring, Church
13904 So 36th Street; Bellevue, NE 68123

Class Meetings: Class Hours: 6:00 - 9:00 PM Tuesdays (Beginning 8/21/18)

Registration: heartlandchurchnetwork.com

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to personal evangelism and discipleship as modeled by Jesus and His Apostles. While this is a topical study, the approach will be exegetical, theological, and practical.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

None

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon the successful completion of this course, the students will:

1. Demonstrate their general knowledge of the evangelistic and discipleship model and strategy of Jesus.
2. Demonstrate their memory of and contextual understanding of evangelistic Bible verses:
John 1:12; John 3:16-17; John 5:24; Acts 16:31; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-6; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 5:10-13.
3. Demonstrate their understanding of the Gospel and their ability to present the Gospel.
4. Through class lectures, readings, writing, and discussions the student will comprehend the discipleship model of Jesus: His strategy, His Values, His Nature/Approach, and how these were reproduced by the Apostles in the early church. They will also discover practical methods of carrying out His model in the 21st Century Church.
5. Demonstrate their memory of and understanding of the Great Commandment and Great Commission: Matthew 22:36-40; Matthew 28:18-20
6. Demonstrate their understanding of the textbooks through discussions and quizzes.
7. Gain an ability to express the rudiments of the simple Gospel, and skill in sharing it with others
8. Gain an ability to explain methods and approaches to the study of personal evangelism
9. Gain an awareness of methods and approaches to follow-training, personal spiritual disciples, and discipleship training
10. Develop skill in practicing personal spiritual disciplines.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Weekly Quizzes [20% of the final grade]:** The students will take weekly quizzes at the beginning of each class. The instructor will also use the quizzes for recording attendance. The quiz questions will focus on the assigned Bible reading, textbook reading for the week, and the class presentation from the previous week. The instructor will drop the lowest grade if the student completes all 11 quizzes.
2. **Midterm Exam and Final Exam [30% of final grade; 15% each]:**
The midterm exam will take place on Tuesday, October 9. The final exam will take place on Tuesday, November 27. The instructor will provide further details about these exams during the course. These two exams will include each of the course requirements (see below) covered up to the dates of the respective exams.
3. **Scripture Memory [15% of final grade]**
Each student will memorize evangelism and discipleship verses assigned in this syllabus and during the class period. Students will recite the verses "word perfect" to a partner in the class in order to get credit. Class partners will record the grade of "yes" or "no" on each-others' quiz papers. There will be a heavier emphasis of memorization in the first half of the semester and students will memorize more than one verse some weeks.
4. **Reading and other Reports [25% of final grade]**
 - 1) Reading Report: Each student will read the textbooks and Scriptures according to the reading schedule and report completion of the reading by date. The student will use the report form in this syllabus.
 - 2) Personal Discovery Report: The student will write a summary of his/her discoveries from each textbook and Scriptures. The student will write about 15 discoveries with one paragraph for each discovery (longer than two sentences).
 - 3) Your Story: The student will write out his/her salvation testimony. The testimony will follow the BC, C, AC format (Before Christ, Christ, and After Christ). In addition, students will practice sharing their testimony in class with other students.
 - 4) Gospel Experiences: The student will summarize in writing at least two of his/her gospel-sharing experiences that take place while in this course. The prayer goal/desire for sharing is at least on Gospel experience each week. Each experience should include an explanation of the divine appointment, the entry or bridge to the Gospel, the presentation, the result, and what the student learned through this experience (about God, prayer, the Gospel, himself, and people).
 - 5) Reports are due at the beginning of class of the due dates. The instructor will not accept any late papers, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. If a student must be absent, he/she can send the reports to the professor by email prior to the beginning of class.
5. **Participation [10% of final grade]:**
Active participation in class discussion, based upon a careful reading of the assignments, is mandatory for each student taking this course. The following are some sample questions, which the course instructor will use as criteria in evaluating each student's participation in class discussion:
 - 1) Is the student present? The college's policy requires a student to attend at least 75% of class sessions to receive course credit. In a 15-week course, the maximum allowable absences is three (3). If a student needs to make up a class session due to excusable circumstances, he/she can discuss this with the professor.
 - 2) Is the student punctual and attentive during the class session?
 - 3) Is the student articulate and logical in his/her statement(s)?
 - 4) Is the student accurate and directly relevant to the instructor's questions/topics?
 - 5) Does the student's statement give evidence of significant familiarity with the topic and assigned readings?
 - 6) Does the student express himself/herself in a respectful and constructive manner?
 - 7) Is the student's comment to his/her classmates insightful and/or helpful in clarifying the given issues and furthering the discussion of those issues in class?

REQUIRED COURSE TEXTBOOKS:

Coleman, Robert E. *The Master Plan of Evangelism*. Grand Rapids: Revell, May 1, 2010. ISBN 978-0-8007-8008-7.

Putman, William James. *Real-Life Discipleship: Building Churches that Make Disciples*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2010. ISBN 978-1-61521-560-7.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Per the Spurgeon College catalog, there is a minimum attendance requirement of 75% of total class sessions. This means that a student may miss only three class sessions. If you are not going to be able to attend a class session, please let the instructor know immediately. If a person registers for the class after the beginning course session, the instructor must count the missed classes as absences.
2. Students are responsible for reading the material assigned even if the professor does not include the content in the class presentations.
3. Plagiarism is a serious ethical and legal matter and instances of plagiarism will result in an “F” for the course. The same is true for copying or sharing information during quizzes and exams. Students are to read and abide by the section entitled “Integrity in Seminary Studies” found in the current MBTS Academic Catalog.

2. GRADING:

Letter	Number Grade	GPA Point Value
A	100-93	4.0
A-	92-90	3.7
B+	88-89	3.3
B	83-87	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	78-79	2.3
C	73-77	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	68-69	1.3
D	63-67	1.0
D-	60-62	0.7
F	0-59	0.0

COURSE OUTLINE

Week/Date Evangelism And Discipleship Fall 2018	Weekly Quiz	Topic(s)	Reading Assignments:	Scripture Reading Assignments	Reports Due at beginning of class
Week 1 (Aug 21)		Introduction		-	
Week 2 (Aug 28)	Quiz 1	Why Did Jesus Come? What is Our Mission?	Master Plan Intro, Ch 1	Luke 10; Luke 19	
Week 3 (Sept 4)	Quiz 2	Theology and Evangelism, The Gospel	Master Plan Ch 2-3	Romans 10	Your Story
Week 4 (Sept 11)	Quiz 3	Jesus and Evangelism	Master Plan Ch 4-5	Matthew 9-16	
Week 5 (Sept 18)	Quiz 4	The Apostles and Evangelism	Master Plan Ch 6-7	Acts 8, 10, 16-17	
Week 6 (Sept 25)	Quiz 5	The Gospel Presentation	Master Plan Ch 6-8, Epilogue	John 3-4, 6	
Week 7 (Oct 2)	Quiz 6	Personal Evangelism and Missions	TBA	Acts 1-2	Discovery Report for Master Plan and Scripture
Week 8 (Oct 9)		Mid Term Exam			
Week 9 (Oct 16)	No Quiz	What is Discipleship?	Real Life D Intro, 1-2	Matthew 28:16-20; John 1-2	
Week 10 (Oct 23)	Quiz 7	Strategy of Jesus	Real Life D Ch 3-5	Acts 1-4	
Week 11 (Oct 30)	Quiz 8	Values of Jesus	Real Life D Ch 6-7	Acts 5-9	Gospel Experiences
Week 12 (Nov 6)	Quiz 9	Nature/Approach of Jesus	Real Life D Ch 8-10	Acts 10-15	
Week 13 (Nov 13)	Quiz 10	Discipleship and Church Leadership	Real Life D Ch 11-13	Acts 16-22	
Week 14 (Nov 20)	Quiz 11	Multiplication	Real Life D Ch 14-15, Appendixes A-D	Acts 23-28	Discovery Report for Real Life Discipleship and Scripture
Week 15 (Nov 27)		Final Exam			

Note: The Professor may invite guest speakers to present

READING REPORT

Week/Date Evangelism And Discipleship Fall 2018	Topic(s)	Reading Assignments: <i>A Survey of the Old Testament</i> Hill & Walton	Date Reading Complete	Reading Assignments: The Bible	Date Reading Complete	Reports Due at beginning of class
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Name (print): _____ Signature _____