



CHPL6372 Church Planting Leadership in a Post-Christian Context

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Seminary Division of Church Ministry
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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Course Description

Church Planting Leadership in a Post-Christian Context is a course designed to provide students with a grasp of the issues and dynamics involved in planting churches in a post-Christian context. Students will learn about current and future barriers for church planting and develop strategies for contending for the gospel without compromising what is applicable to their context and community. This course will provide leadership principles for church planting in a post-Christian context.

Student Learning Outcomes

In order to help fulfill the Great Commission, the students, by the end of the course, should:

1. Demonstrate a critical understanding of a post-Christian context and an ability to discern appropriate forms of missional engagement.
2. Identify features of post-modernism that represent challenges and opportunities for church planting.
3. Develop theological and biblical responses to cultural issues and methods of implementation in church planting.
4. Identify and discuss pertinent sources of information related to church planting in a post-Christian context.
5. Identify and discuss challenges in church planting leadership in a post-Christian context.

Textbooks

Eswine, Zack. *Preaching in a Post Everything World*, Grand Rapids, MI: Bakers Books, 2008.

Inserra, Dean. *Pure: Why the Bible's Plan for Sexuality Isn't Outdated, Irrelevant, or Oppressive*, Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2022.

Stott, John; Christopher J.H. Wright. *Christian Mission in the Modern World*, Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 2015.

Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies:

A variety of teaching methods will be utilized such as class presentations by the professor using Power Point and handouts. *This is an intensive class where students will have pre and post work to complete.* Other teaching methods include small and large group discussion, group

projects, multi-media presentations, utilization of missions related websites, and other communication mediums. A Blackboard shell for the class will be utilized extensively as a resource for students. Students will be expected to be thoroughly prepared for class discussions through readings and the Blackboard weekly unit supplements.

Course Requirements – (Students should follow the seminary’s manual of style and form for all written assignments.)

- 1. Participation and Attendance.** Because this course takes place in New Orleans and significant time will be spent in the City of New Orleans, students are required to attend in person and on time. This is an intensive format, see the detailed schedule for times and location to meet.

Class Location: NAMB Church Planting and Ministry Center (Located in the Hardin Student Center)

Time:

- May 23rd 1pm-7pm
- May 24th 830am-8pm
- May 25th 830am-3pm

- 2. Pre-Class Work.**

- **Reading:** Read all required textbooks, students will upload a percentage read of each book. Write an 8–10-page, double spaced review from **2 of the 3** required reading books. The review should cover summary of the ideas/thesis of the book, two key quotes from each chapter (listing should consist of a quote (one to four lines max) from the book and the page number), personal and ministry application, and summary of strengths and weaknesses. **(Due May 23rd, Students who choose *Pure: Why the Bible's Plan for Sexuality Isn't Outdated, Irrelevant, or Oppressive*, will have until June 25th to turn in the Reading Report.)**

- 3. Post-Class Work.**

- **Application Paper:** Write a 12-page double spaced Application Paper: **Section One (7 pages)**, Sermon Series Teaching Plan that covers a biblical view of sex, gender, politics, and suffering. This section should have sermon titles, biblical supporting texts, 1-2 supporting resources, overview, and outcome for each message. **Section Two (3 pages), Leadership/Ministry Evaluation-** Summarize and evaluate your current ministry leadership; what are the strengths, weaknesses, and growth areas for your ministry leadership in a post Christian context. **Section Three (2 pages)**, identify 5 application next steps for implementation in your leadership and ministry that would help you be more effective and faithful ministering in a post Christian context. **(Due Jun 25th)**

Evaluation of Grade

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

Participation	20%
Reading Reports	40%
Application Paper	40%

Total	100%
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The following is the grading scale used for this course:

A = 93-100

B = 85-92

C = 77-84

D = 70-76

F = Below 70

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Writing Style Guide

A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Blackboard shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center's page on the seminary website at:

<https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf>

Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

Course Schedule

Date: May 23-25

Time:

- May 23 1pm-7pm
- May 24 830am-8pm
- May 25 830am-12pm

Location: NAMB Church Planting and Ministry Center- Harding Student Center

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