



Disciple-Making Special Event

Professional Doctoral Seminar – CESE8306
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Fall Trimester 2022-2023

October 5-6, 2022

National Disciple Making Forum, Nashville, TN

Please note: The conference will be held at Christ Church,
Nashville, TN -- 15354 Old Hickory Blvd, Nashville, TN 37211

Dr. Joe Sherrer

Professor of Discipleship and Ministry Leadership
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
jsherrer@nobts.edu
405.312.4995

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

This doctoral seminar is built around selected conferences, teaching church events, and/or meetings that emphasize the disciple-making mission of the church. The purpose of this seminar is to expose the students to selected contemporary models of or practices of disciple-making in the local church. Special attention will be given to disciple-making in home groups, marketplace groups, and mid-sized groups.

Student Learning Outcomes

In order to fulfill the objectives of the seminar and prepare to serve churches more effectively by the end of the course, you should:

1. Attend conferences, take appropriate notes, and assess the implications of presentations to a variety of areas of the disciple-making ministry.
2. Evaluate the key issues raised through presentations concerning the deeper elements of philosophy and principles of the disciple-making ministry.
3. Participate in seminar meetings, discussing current trends and classic methodologies in light of conference presentations.
4. Identify transferable components of presentations and generate a strategy to appropriately contextualize them into your ministry setting.

Textbooks

A collection of eBooks is available at:

<https://discipleship.org/resources/ebooks/>

You will read at least 4 books from the eBook list. (Books or portions of books are available in eBook format. You may need to order the entire print books to complete the seminar assignments.)

Seminar Requirements

Conference Fee: In addition to tuition, course requires an additional \$119 conference fee. (Use promo code *nobts* to access the NOBTS rate rather than the standard registration fee.) Registration and additional conference information and details available online <https://discipleship.org/national-disciple-making-forum/>

Housing and Meals: All travel, room and extra meal costs are the responsibility of the student. You will need to make your personal arrangements. The Disciple Making Forum will be hosted by Christ Church Nashville. Numerous motels are in the area.

Before the Seminar

- 1. Top Ten Disciple-Making Principles:** (20%) You will read at least 4 books from the required textbooks list. (Books or portions of books are available in eBook format on the discipleship.org website. You may need to order the entire print books to complete this assignment.) Critically review the selected textbooks and discern/distill the information into an annotated list of 10 principles or practices (3-4 paragraphs for each point) most relevant to your current context or future endeavors. A header may be used in lieu of a formal title page and parenthetical references are permitted. **Due: October 4, 2022**
- 2. Disciple-Making Interviews:** (15%) Interview three pastors, church staff, denominational leaders, or other ministry leaders to determine their experience in and strategy for disciple-making. Investigate the history of their disciple-making journey and the strategy they currently pursue. Discover how they are responding to the cultural changes in the American church field, especially related to making disciples. Submit a 4-5 page synopsis of your findings including at least one page of reaction and response to the interviews. **Due: October 4, 2022**
- 3. Personal Assessment:** Take the Disciplemaker Assessment at: <http://church-multiplication.com/disciplemaker/> Be prepared to discuss your profile. Include your response in your reflection paper (Assignment #6). There is no specific submission for this assignment. **Due: October 4, 2022**

During the seminar

- 4. Seminar Participation:** (20%) Actively participate in all sessions of the conference. Take thorough notes on all sessions attended in order to be able to save and organize them for future use. You are expected to attend the introductory seminar meeting on the morning of the conference (Thursday 10:00 am) and a follow up (debriefing session) during lunch of the second day. Be sure to make appropriate travel arrangements. Note: The seminar actually begins with the receipt of the syllabus and

continues through the material completed after the two-day conference. The conference schedule available at <https://discipleship.org/national-disciple-making-forum/>

Due: October 5-6, 2022

Following the seminar

5. **Annotated Bibliography:** (10%) You will prepare an annotated bibliography based upon the conference presentations. This bibliography will include at least ten (10) resources, (books, journal articles, blogsites, and curricula) that the student believes inform the issues that were raised in the conference. While students are not expected will read each work completely, a 3-5 sentence summary/analysis/critique/application paragraph should accompany each entry.

Due: October 31, 2022

6. **Reflection Paper:** (25%) Prepare and submit a 5 to 6 page Reflection Paper (double-spaced, typewritten, and in Turabian form) comparing and contrasting the issues raised in the conference. Include a reflection on the impact and implications of these issues for your current ministry setting. Include at least two key ideas or strategies that you will initiate in your ministry context. Include any necessary proper citations and a bibliography.

Due: October 31, 2022

The Reflection Paper will be evaluated by the Writing Assessment Coordinator for grammar, writing style, and Turabian formatting. Please email the assignment, in a Word document, to pgarrett@nobts.edu. She will evaluate the document by inserting comments and email the edited document back to you. After revising and correcting the assignment, upload the final draft into Blackboard.

Course Requirements

All papers should be double-spaced and formatted according to the NOBTS Style Guide <https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/styleguide.pdf> and the 8th edition of Turabian (footnotes, headings/subheadings, margins, pagination, cover page, etc.)

Evaluation

Ten Principles	20%
Interviews	20%
Attendance & Participation	25%
Annotated Bibliography	10%
Reflection Paper	25%
Total	100%

Projected Seminar Schedule:

(See Forum Schedule for Main Stage and Breakout Sessions.) The Room Location for NOBTS sessions will be announced as the information is available. Two meetings of the NOBTS ProDoc seminar are anticipated: (1) A Pre-Conference Meeting 10:00 – 11:00 am October 5, and (2) A Conference Debrief meeting during lunch, October 6, 2022

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. Canvas.NOBTS.com Click on the “Help” button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS Canvas System. You can also email questions to Canvas@nobts.edu.
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.

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. A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Canvas 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>

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.

Selected Bibliography

- Anderson, Keith R. and Randy D. Reese. *Spiritual Mentoring: A Guide for Seeking and Giving Direction*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1999.
- Anders, Max. *Brave New Discipleship: Cultivating Scripture-Driven Christian in a Culture- Driven World*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson. 2015.
- Barna, George. *Growing True Disciples*. Ventura, CA: Issachar Resources, 2000. Boa, Kenneth. *Conformed to His Image*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001.
- Coleman, Robert. *The Master Plan of Evangelism*. Grand Rapids, MI: Revell. 2010.
- Early, David and Rod Dempsey. *Disciplemaking Is: How to Live the Great Commission with Passion and Confidence*. Nashville: B & H Academic, 2013.
- Eims, Leroy. *The Lost Art of Disciple Making*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978.
- Fryling, Alice, ed. *The Disciplemakers' Handbook*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1989.
- Geiger, Eric, Michael Kelley, Phillip Nation. *Transformational Discipleship: How People Really Grow*. Nashville, TN: B & H Publishing. 2012.
- Goldsmith, Malcolm. *Knowing Me Knowing God: Exploring Your Spirituality With Myers- Briggs*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1997.
- Hanks, Billie and William A. Shell, eds. *Discipleship: Great Insights from the Most Experienced Disciple Makers*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993.
- Harrington, Bobby and Josh Patrick. *The Disciple-Maker's Handbook: Seven Elements of a Discipleship Lifestyle*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 2017.
- Henderson, D. Michael. *John Wesley's Class Meeting: A Model for Making Disciples*. Nappanee, IN: Francis Asbury Press, 1997.
- Hendricks, Howard. *As Iron Sharpens Iron: Building Character in a Mentoring Relationship*. Chicago: Moody, 1999.
- Hull, Bill. *The Disciple-Making Church*. Grand Rapids: Fleming H. Revell, 1990.
- Lamb, Richard. *Following Jesus in the Real World: Discipleship for the Post-College Years*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995.
- Laurie, Greg. *Discipleship: The Next Step in Following Jesus*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1999.
- Malphurs, Aubrey. *Strategy 2000: Churches Making Disciples for the Next Millennium*. Grand Rapids: Kregel Resources, 1996.
- Mancini, Will. *Innovating Discipleship: Four Paths to Real Discipleship Results*. Lexington, KY: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2013.
- Morton, Scott. *Down to Earth Discipling*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2003.
- Parr, Steve. *The Coffee Shop that Changed a Church: Discovering the Net Effect*. Sisters Oregon:

- Deep River Books, 2014.
- Petersen, Jim. *Lifestyle Discipleship*. Colorado Springs: Nav Press, 1993.
- Pope, Randy. *Insourcing: Bringing Discipleship Back to the Local Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2013.
- Putman, Jim and Bobby Harrington. *DiscipleShift: Five Steps That Help Your Church to Make Disciples Who Make Disciples*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2013.
- Scazzero, Peter. *The Emotionally Healthy Church: A Strategy for Discipleship that Actually Changes Lives*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.
- Whitney, Donald S. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1997.
- Willard, Dallas. *Renovation of the Heart: Putting On The Character of Christ*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2002.
- Wright, N.T. *Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997.