

Course Objectives

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

Bevens, Winfield. *Multiplying Disciples*.

<https://discipleship.org/ebooks/multiplying-disciples/>

Spader, Dann *Disciplemaking Metrics*

<https://discipleship.org/ebooks/disciple-making-metrics/>

Guidon, Brandon. *Disciplemaking Culture*

<https://discipleship.org/ebooks/disciple-making-culture-visual-introduction/>

Harrington, Bobby, Greg Wiens. *Becoming a Disciplemaker*

<https://discipleship.org/ebooks/becoming-a-disciple-maker/>

Additional Ebooks available at:

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

Seminar Requirements

Conference Fee: In addition to tuition, course requires a conference fee. We've locked in the registration fee with conference organizers. You will register for the conference using an assigned code (available from the professor). <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-national-disciple-making-forum-nashville-tickets-79524230113>

Additional conference information and details will be available prior to the event. Details are available online <https://discipleship.org/intentionality/>

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 Event will be hosted by Brentwood Baptist Church. Numerous motels are in the area.

Virtual Participation: You are welcome to participate via video conferencing option. Please inform the professor of your choice to do so. We will convene a meeting prior to the start of the conference. Specific time and location to be determined.

Before the Seminar

1. **Top Ten Disciple-Making Principles.** (15%) Compile an annotated list of ten (10) disciple-making principles from the required reading. Critically review the textbooks and

discern/distill the information into an annotated list of 10 practices (3-4 paragraphs each) most relevant to your current context or future endeavors. **Due: October 1, 2020**

2. **Disciple-Making Interviews.** (15%) Interview three pastors, staff or ministry leaders to determine their experience in and strategy for disciple-making. Discover the history of their disciple-making journey and the strategy they currently pursue. Investigate 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 8, 2020**
3. **Critical Book Review:** (10%) You will read the 4 required textbooks and 1 of your choosing from the available E-books (5 total). Prepare a four-page Critical Review (double-spaced, Turabian form) for your personal choice book. The Critical Review should include the following: (1) bibliographic data; (2) a statement of the author's purpose; (3) a brief synopsis of the message of each section or chapter; (4) a critical analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of each section or chapter; (5) an evaluative assessment of the degree of success the author had in achieving the purpose, and (6) a discussion of potential application to your ministry context. **Due: October 15, 2020**
4. **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 #7). **Due: October 15, 2020**

During the seminar

5. **Seminar Participation:** **October 15-16, 2020**
You are expected to attend the introductory session on the morning prior to the start of the conference. Be an active participant 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. Note: The seminar actually begins with the receipt of the syllabus and continues through the material completed after the two-day conference. Attendance may be in person or virtual. Scheduled class meetings (TBD) are mandatory.

Following the seminar

6. **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 five to six sentence summary/analysis/critique/application paragraph should accompany each entry. **Due: November 30, 2020**
7. **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: November 30, 2020**

Evaluation

Ten Principles	15%
Book Review	10%
Interviews	15%
Attendance & Participation	25%
Annotated Bibliography	10%
Reflection Paper	25%
Total	100%

Projected Seminar Schedule

Pre Conference Meeting 9-11 am	October 9, 2020
National DiscipleMaking Conference	October 15-16, 2020
You are expected to attend the introductory session on the morning prior to the start of the conference. (Approximately 11am) Attendance may be in person or virtual. Scheduled class meetings (TBD) are mandatory.	
Conference Debrief 2-3:30pm	October 16, 2020

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