

Exploring Issues in Effective Pastoral Ministry

PATH8301

A Professional Doctoral Seminar

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NOBTS Mission Statement

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Course Description

The purpose of this seminar is to examine current issues in pastoral ministry and leadership in order to determine effective means of ministry practice. The course will include challenging students to examine their pastoral theology in light of biblical principles and to engage various contrasting views of pastoral ministry. Seminar participants will examine the unique position of the senior pastor of a local church in his roles as leader, proclaimer, and pastoral care giver. Students will explore the implications of emphasizing the various components of pastoral ministry. Through a heuristic approach, students will confront the challenge of finding the most effective balance among the various components by assessing their own strengths and weaknesses, as well as the church as a whole in the context of its setting.

Student Outcomes

When the students have completed the seminar, they will have:

1. Clearly articulated their personal theology of pastoral ministry in the light of biblical principles;
2. Understood key classic and current models of pastoral ministry;
3. Identified and explored major issues of pastoral ministry that relate to their ministry setting;
4. Understood their ministry context as it affects leadership and pastoral ministry;
5. Assessed the strengths and weaknesses of their pastoral ministry;
6. Considered specific heuristic aspects in pastoral ministry in order to improve their personal effectiveness.

Core Value Emphasis

The Core Value emphasis for 2015-2016 is Mission Focus.

Required Textbooks

Bisagno, John. *Pastor's Handbook*. Nashville: B & H, 2011.

Dave Early, *Ministry Is...How to Serve Jesus with Passion and Confidence*. Nashville: B & H Publishing Group, 2010.

Laniak, Timothy S. *Shepherds After My Own Heart: Pastoral Traditions and Leadership in the Bible*. Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 2006.

White, James Emery. *The Church in an Age of Crisis: 25 New Realities Facing Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2012.

Seminar Requirements and Assignments

Before the Seminar:

1. Read the Bisagno textbook and select four (4) chapters from each of the twelve (12) Parts in the book. Compose a one-half page **Reaction** to each of the selected chapters (12 Parts x 4 chapters for a total of 48 Reactions). The ½ page Reactions are to be single-spaced, with the chapter title listed for each, and may be formatted to include two Reactions on one page, for a total of 24 pages. First person is allowed for this assignment. The Reactions should include agreements/disagreements with the author and the importance of this issue in the student's ministry setting/context.
2. Read the White textbook and write a **Personal Reflection** paper, to answer the following: Of the topics covered in the textbook, (a) which **five** were the most **surprising** to the student and why? (b) which **five** have been the most **challenging** to the student and why? The discussion of (a) and (b) should include real life examples from the personal experience of the student. The Personal Reflection should be approximately 6-8 pages in length. Format: single-spaced, a space between each single-spaced paragraph, with no paragraph indentions. Margins, pagination, and headings/subheadings, should be in accordance with Turabian, 7th or 8th edition. Documentations or quotes from the textbook can be referenced by endnotes, citing the page number. Example: "We are living at the beginning of our future. The world is changing, and we need to recognize the nature of that change." (12). First person is allowed for this assignment.
3. Read the Early and Laniak textbooks and compose a **Biblical Theology of Pastoral Ministry for the 21st century**. The Biblical Theology should involve biblical and historical insights, principles, and observations from the textbooks and include significant implications for 21st century pastoral ministry. The Biblical Theology should reflect a synthesis of both textbooks. The Biblical Theology should be 10-12 pages, utilizing the following format: double-spaced; margins, pagination, headings/subheadings, and footnotes should be in accordance with Turabian, 7th or 8th edition. Documentations or quotes from the textbooks, and biblical material should be referenced by footnotes. **No first person allowed in writing this assignment. This assignment will be graded for Turabian form and style in addition to content.**

Assignments 1, 2, & 3 are to be submitted to DROPBOX no later than midnight, Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Instructions for DROPBOX:

All assignments for this course will be submitted via a shared folder on dropbox.com. You will receive a separate email from Dr. Ogea requesting that you share the folder **Exploring Issues**. If you already have a dropbox account, then simply accept the shared folder. If you do not have a dropbox account, you will need to follow the instructions to create a free dropbox account and then accept the shared folder.

In the folder **Exploring Issues**, you will find subfolders for each assignment. Save your assignment using your last name and the name of the assignment (i.e. ogea.bisagnoreactions), and place the file in the appropriate folder. Dropbox will automatically update everyone's folder.

Important: do not alter anyone's file while it is in dropbox (e.g., save comments in the file) or remove anyone's file from the dropbox folder, as that will alter or remove the file for everyone. Open the file and "save as" to your computer before making notes.

During the Seminar

Seminar Presentations: Each seminar participant will be involved in seminar presentations and discussions involving all three Pre-seminar assignments.

Seminar Participation: Seminar participants are expected to be active participants in all sessions of the seminar.

After the Seminar:

1. **Interview** a pastor who is considered to be either a mentor or a role model. (suggested length of the interview: one hour). The interview questions should relate to issues raised in the course. Write a four-page, single-spaced summary and reaction to the interview. A list of the questions asked should be attached as a separate appendix. The assignment may be done in informal style, first person allowed, but is not to be a verbatim of the interview.

Students are advised to secure the person to be interviewed and the time for the interview prior to the beginning of the seminar.

2. Based on the readings, assignments, and seminar discussions in the seminar, each student will write a **Personal Assessment** of their strengths and weaknesses in pastoral ministry. (At least three strengths and three weaknesses). For each strength, discuss an action plan for strengthening the strength. For each weakness, discuss an action plan for improving the weakness. Suggested length of the Personal Assessment: 8-10 pages, single-spaced, utilizing the format described in Pre-seminar assignment #2.

Both Post-seminar assignments are to be submitted to Dropbox no later than midnight, Friday, November 12, 2015.

Assignments for Students taking the seminar as a Directed Study:

1. Directed Study students must complete ALL of the assignments listed above and submit in Dropbox by the due dates..

2. Directed Study students will develop an **Annotated Bibliography** of fifteen books (excluding the textbooks listed above). Each bibliographic entry should be one-half page in length and give a brief statement in regard to the purpose of the book, the major themes of the book, and the strengths and weaknesses of the author's viewpoint. . See www.annotatedbibliographymaker.com for guidance.

3. Directed Study students will select five (5) books from the following list and write a four page, single-spaced **Review** for each book (format the same as Assignment #2 above), answering the following questions:

- What is a summary of the book and its purpose?
- What are the strengths of the book for pastoral ministry and leadership?
- What are the weaknesses of the book regarding pastoral ministry and leadership?
- What are the applications and implications of the book for pastoral ministry and leadership in the 21st century?

Baxter, Richard. *The Reformed Pastor: A Pattern of Personal Growth and Ministry*. Regent College Pub., 2001. ISBN 1573832014 (Classic in Pastoral Ministry from one of the great Puritan Preachers)

Bryant, James W. and Mac Brunson. *The New Guidebook for Pastors*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2007. (A new version of Criswell's Guidebook for Pastors)

Cothen, Joe H. *Equipped for Good Work: A Guide for Pastors*. Third Edition. Edited by Jerry N. Barlow. Gretna, LA: Pelican, 2012. (A practical guide for pastoral ministry)

Dale, Robert D. *Pastoral Leadership: A Handbook of Resources for Effective Congregational Leadership*.

Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1986. (A classic in the field of pastoral leadership, including pastoral leadership models)

Klick, Jeffery A., Rodney A. Harrison, and Glenn A. Miller. *Pastoral Helmsmanship: The Pastor's Guide to Church Administration*. Expanded Edition. ICM Publishing, 2015.

MacArthur, John, Jr. *Pastoral Ministry: How to Shepherd Biblically*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2005. ISBN 1418500062 (A practical how-to book written from a biblical perspective)

Phillips, Jere L. *Pastoral Ministry for the New Generation*. Collierville, TN: Innovo Publishing, 2014.

Swetland, Kenneth L. *Facing Messy Stuff in the Church: Case Studies for Pastors and Congregations*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2005. ISBN 0825436966

Thompson, James W. *Pastoral Ministry According to Paul*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academics, 2006. ISBN: 0801031095

Toler, Stan. *Stan Toler's Practical Guide for Pastoral Ministry*. Indianapolis: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2007. ISBN: 0898273536. (The latest pastoral ministry how-to book)

Annotated Bibliography and Book Reviews are to be submitted to Dropbox by midnight, Friday, November 12, 2015.

Course Evaluation

Assignments will be weighted approximately equal with room for the professor's discretion in regard to assignments that are particularly outstanding or substandard.

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