

**Mission Principles and Methods  
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**Seminary Mission:**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-12) and the Great Commandments (Matthew 22:34-40) through the local church and its ministries.

**Course Purpose**

The purpose of this course is to help equip those studying at NOBTS to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 16-20) through the local church and its ministries.

**Core Value Focus**

Our seminary has five core values: doctrinal integrity, spiritual vitality, mission focus, characteristic excellence, and servant leadership. This course relates in some way to all five core values but especially mission focus which states in part: “We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.”

**Curriculum Competencies Addressed**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has seven basic competencies guiding the NOBTS curriculum. This course supports and relates to various competencies such as servant leadership, interpersonal skills, and spiritual and character formation. The disciple making competency which stated is “to stimulate church health through mobilizing the church for missions, evangelism, discipleship, and church growth” is especially addressed in the curriculum of this course.

**Course Description**

An in-depth study of changing trends in missions at home and abroad is pursued, with special analysis of the newer approaches. Emphasis is placed on philosophy and methodology.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

1. The student will become familiar with current trends in missions in relationship to North America.
2. The student will become acquainted with current trends in missions in relationship to the international setting.

3. The student will gain an understanding of current approaches being applied to mission work.
4. The student will demonstrate the ability to articulate concerning current mission philosophy and methodology.
5. The student will demonstrate research and writing skills.
6. The student will demonstrate the ability to teach mission methods and principles.

### **Course Teaching Methodology**

1. The primary course method will involve student research and reporting of that research in papers and seminar presentations. Students are expected to be knowledgeable of basic research methodologies and to hone their research skills beyond the basic level.
2. Presentations and small-group discussions will be utilized to enhance and promote personal assimilation and integration of course concepts and content. Students are expected to be active participants in seminar discussions.
3. Student interaction with peers, resource persons, seminary faculty members, and the course instructor are encouraged during the duration of this class to facilitate insights about current mission methods and principles. Conferences with the instructor are invited and may be accomplished via telephone, e-mail, or office visits.

### **Course Textbooks**

McGavran, Donald A. *Understanding Church Growth*. Revised and edited by C. Peter Wagner. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1990.

Other books as required during the course of the seminar.

In addition to the required textbooks, members of the seminar will be asked to read various articles, journals, or internet resources as required by the instructor.

### **Course Requirements**

1. Read each of the assigned texts, articles and other reading assignments.
2. Prepare each week to participate in seminar discussion related to readings, guest presentations, or presentations by members of the seminar. A portion of the individual's seminar grade will be based on one's degree of weekly participation in seminar discussions.

3. Write and submit a critical review of the third edition of McGavran's *Understanding Church Growth*. The review should be eight to ten pages in length, double-spaced, and written with proper Turabian form. The review should include these elements: (1) Summarize briefly the six parts of the book in two to three pages. (2) Evaluate the book's content from a biblical, theological, and missiological perspective. (3) Discuss one or two key concepts from the book with which you agree or disagree. Explain logically and supposed with Scripture, theology, and missiological foundations why you agree or disagree with a concept. If you disagree, explain how you would correct what has been written. The review will be due on Friday, September 11.

4. Be prepared to give an overview of assigned chapters the day the review is due. Plan to use approximately one hour to discuss one's evaluation of the book and key concepts from the book as presented in # 3 above (2) and (3).

5. Write and submit a critical review of a second assigned book. Follow the same steps as # 3 and 4 above. The second critical review will be due on Friday, October 2.

6. On assigned dates be prepared to lead the seminar discussion related to the topic of the day. Prepare a minor paper of approximately five to six double-spaced pages to help guide our discussion. The paper should follow proper Turabian form.

7. Prepare an annotated bibliography of a minimum of thirty and maximum of forty books relating to missions methods and principles. Each page of the bibliography may contain three to five books. The annotated bibliography will be due on Friday, October 16. Students will be prepare to lead the seminar group to review the ten most significant books in their annotated bibliography in a one hour presentation.

8. Write and present a major paper related to an approved topic relating to contemporary methods or principles. A proposal and outline must be submitted and the topic approved. The major paper should be in correct Turabian format with footnotes, cover page, blank page, contents, selected bibliography, and at least three chapters (introduction, body, and conclusion.) The paper should be typed, double-spaced, and a minimum of thirty pages in length with a maximum of fifty pages in total page count. Lead an oral presentation of the paper which should be approximately one hour in length and based on the paper's contents. It is not required that one read the paper verbatim. A Power Point Presentation and handout of key points in the presentation is encourage. The major paper will be due on Friday, Nov.6, one week prior to the beginning of oral presentations. Oral presentation dates will be Friday, Nov. 13 and Dec. 4.

9. Each member of the seminar will submit a typed final exam on the last seminar day. The final exam should include the following: (1). A two to three page statement of the seminar member's personal philosophy related to missions methods which reflects an assimilation and integration of the seminar's concepts, principles, and research relating to the field. (2) A summary of two key concepts exposed to in the seminar of appropriately three pages (3) An outline of how you would teach a missions principles and methods to master's level students at NOBTS. Be prepared to discuss your answers and dialogue during the final seminar meeting.

10. The seminary's 2009-2010 core value is "Spiritual Vitality." In supporting this value, the seminary family will be encouraged to read the Bible through this year. The readings for the fall semester are attached to this syllabus. You are encouraged to join the seminary family and participate in reading God's Word together. Students may be asked to share insights from readings for the week. See Bible Reading Plan for the Fall Semester, pages 11-13 of syllabus.

### **Research and Writing Guidelines**

1. All research should be documented from original sources as much as possible.
2. The use of secondary sources for documentation should be limited to reputable writers, researchers, and publishers. Use discretion related to internet websites.
3. Dissertations and theses may be referenced, but they should not constitute the majority of the resources consulted nor of the content formulated in written reports.
4. Interviews may be utilized for content formulation and documentation with regard to original and secondary documentation, but should not constitute the majority of the resources consulted nor of the content formulated in written reports without permission of the seminar leader.
5. Written papers should conform to the current edition of *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate L. Turabian and *A Manual of Style* published by the University of Chicago Press.

### **Seminar Grading**

Critical Book Review 1& Presentation	15%
Critical Book Review 2 & Presentation	15%
Minor Papers and Seminar Leadership	15%
Annotated Bibliography	5%
Major Paper and Presentation	25 %
Final Exam and Presentation	10%
Seminar Participation	15%

### **Absences**

Students enrolled in the seminar are expected to attend each meeting of the seminar. Absence of over two hours of seminar meetings will result in a non-passing grade unless special permission is granted due to extraordinary circumstances. In such instances, permission must be granted prior to the seminar meeting of a particular week.

### **Seminar Schedule\***

Week 1, Aug. 21: Introduction to the Seminar

Discussion of Assigned Chapters

Week 2, Aug. 28: A Review of Modern Mission Principles and Methodologies

Week 3, Sept. 4: A Review of Modern Mission Principles and Methodologies

Week 4, Sept. 11: Class Presentations on Critical Book Review # 1

Week 5, Sept. 18: Class Presentations on Critical Book Review # 1

Week 6, Sept. 25: Paradigm Changes in Mission Principles and Methodologies

Week 7, Oct. 2: Class Presentations on Critical Book Review # 2

Week 8, Oct. 9: Class Presentations on Critical Book Review # 2

Week 9, Oct. 16: Formulating Mission Principles and Methodologies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Distribute Annotated Bibliographies and Discussion

Fall Break

Week 10, Oct. 30: Formulating Mission Principles and Methodologies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Week 11, Nov. 6: What's on the Horizon? The Impact of Current Mission Principles on the Local Church. Pass out copies of Major Papers.

Week 12, Nov. 13: Major Paper Presentations.

Week 13, Nov. 20: ETS and Other Professional Meetings in New Orleans.  
No Seminar Meeting.

Week 14, Dec. 4: Major Paper Presentations  
The Impact of Current Mission Principles on Mission Sending Agencies

Week 15, Dec. 11: Final Exam and Discussion

\*The seminar schedule may be adjusted as deemed appropriate by the professor.

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### Internet Resources

- Brigada <http://www.xc.org/brigada/brigada.html>
- Caleb Project <http://www.goshen.net/calebproject>
- Christian Information Network <http://www.christian-info.com/>
- Crosswinds <http://www.crosswinds.net>
- International Mission Board <http://www.imb.org>
- Global Evangelization Movement <http://www.gem-werc.org>
- North American Mission Board <http://namb.net>
- Profiles of Unreached People Groups <http://www.bethany-wpc.org>  
<http://www.heartofgod.com>  
<http://www.geocities.com>

# Fall Semester Bible Reading Plan

## September 1, 2009 – December 19, 2009

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Genesis 1:1-2:25, Matthew 1:1-25, Psalm 1:1-6, Proverbs 1:1-4
- 2 Genesis 3:1-4:26, Matthew 2:1-23, Psalm 2:1-6, Proverbs 1:5-6
- 3 **Genesis 5:1-6:2**, Matthew 3:1-17, Psalm 2:7-12, Proverbs 1:7
- 4 Genesis 7:1-9:7, Matthew 4:1-20, Psalms 3:1-8, Proverbs 1:8-9
- 5 Genesis 9:8-10:32, Matthew 4:21-5:12, Psalm 4:1-8, Proverbs 1:10-14
- 6 **Genesis 11:1-12:20**, Matthew 5:13-32, Psalm 5:1-6, Proverbs 1:15-16
- 7 **Genesis 13:1-15:6**, Matthew 5:33-6:4, Psalm 5:7-12, Proverbs 1:17-19
- 8 Genesis 15:7-17:27, Matthew 6:5-24, Psalm 6:1-5, Proverbs 1:20-23
- 9 Genesis 18:1-19:22, Matthew 6:25-7:12, Psalm 6:6-10, Proverbs 1:24-27
- 10 Genesis 19:23-21:21, Matthew 7:13-8:4, Psalm 7:1-8, Proverbs 1:28-31
- 11 Genesis 21:22-23:20, Matthew 8:5-27, Psalm 7:9-17, Proverbs 1:32-33
- 12 Genesis 24:1-54, Matthew 8:28-9:17, Psalm 8:1-9, Proverbs 2:1-5
- 13 Genesis 24:55-26:11, Matthew 9:18-38, Psalm 9:1-6, Proverbs 2:6-8
- 14 Genesis 26:12-27:29, Matthew 10:1-20, Psalm 9:7-12, Proverbs 2:9-10
- 15 Genesis 27:30-29:12, Matthew 10:21-42, Psalm 9:13-20, Proverbs 2:11-15
- 16 Genesis 29:13-30:43, Matthew 11:1-19, Psalm 10:1-6, Proverbs 2:16-19
- 17 Genesis 31:1-55, Matthew 11:20-12:8, Psalm 10:7-12, Proverbs 2:20-22
- 18 Genesis 32:1-33:20, Matthew 12:9-37, Psalm 10:13-18, Proverbs 3:1-2
- 19 Genesis 34:1-35:29, Matthew 12:38-13:9, Psalm 11:1-3, Proverbs 3:3-4
- 20 Genesis 36:1-43, Matthew 13:10-35, Psalm 11:4-7, Proverbs 3:5-6
- 21 Genesis 37:1-38:30, Matthew 13:36-58, Psalm 12:1-5, Proverbs 3:7-8
- 22 Genesis 39:1-41:7, Matthew 14:1-21, Psalm 12:6-8, Proverbs 3:9-10
- 23 Genesis 41:8-42:4, Matthew 14:22-15:9, Psalm 13:1-6, Proverbs 3:11-12
- 24 Genesis 42:5-43:14, Matthew 15:10-39, Psalm 14:1-7, Proverbs 3:13-14
- 25 Genesis 43:15-44:34, Matthew 16:1-20, Psalm 15:1-5, Proverbs 3:15-16
- 26 Genesis 45:1-46:27, Matthew 16:21-17:13, Psalm 16:1-6, Proverbs 3:17-18
- 27 Genesis 46:28-48:22, Matthew 17:14-18:9, Psalm 16:7-11, Proverbs 3:19-20
- 28 Genesis 49:1-50:26, Matthew 18:10-35, Psalm 17:1-5, Proverbs 3:21-24
- 29 Exodus 1:1-2:25, Matthew 19:1-22, Psalm 17:6-12, Proverbs 3:25-26
- 30 Exodus 3:1-4:31, Matthew 19:23-20:19, Psalm 17:13-15, Proverbs 27-28

### OCTOBER

- 1 Exodus 5:1-6:30, Matthew 20:20-21:11, Psalm 18:1-6, Proverbs 3:29-32
- 2 Exodus 7:1-8:32, Matthew 21:12-27, Psalm 18:7-12, Proverbs 3:33-35
- 3 Exodus 9:1-10:20, Matthew 21:28-46, Psalm 18:13-19, Proverbs 4:1-2
- 4 Exodus 10:21-12:36, Matthew 22:1-22, Psalm 18:20-24, Proverbs 4:3-4
- 5 Exodus 12:37-14:20, Matthew 22:23-46, Psalm 18:25-29, Proverbs 4:5-6

- 6 Exodus 14:21-16:20, Matthew 23:1-22, Psalm 18:30-36, Proverbs 4:7-9  
11
- 7 Exodus 16:21-18:27, Matthew 23:23-39, Psalm 18:37-42, Proverbs 4:10-13  
8 Exodus 19:1-20:26, Matthew 24:1-14, Psalm 18:43-50, Proverbs 4:14-17  
9 Exodus 21:1-22:20, Matthew 24:15-35, Psalm 19:1-6, Proverbs 4:18-19  
10 Exodus 22:21-24:18, Matthew 24:36-51, Psalm 19:7-14, Proverbs 4:20-22  
11 Exodus 25:1-26:14, Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 20:1-9, Proverbs 4:23-24  
12 Exodus 26:15-28:14, Matthew 25:14-30, Psalm 21:1-7, Proverbs 4:25-27  
13 Exodus 28:15-29:25, Matthew 25:31-26:5, Psalm 21:8-13, Proverbs 5:1-2  
14 Exodus 29:26-30:38, Matthew 26:6-25, Psalm 22:1-5, Proverbs 5:3-6  
15 Exodus 31:1-32:35, Matthew 26:26-50, Psalm 22:6-10, Proverbs 5:7-8  
16 Exodus 33:1-34:35, Matthew 26:51-75, Psalm 22:11-15, Proverbs 5:9-10  
17 Exodus 35:1-36:19, Matthew 27:1-23, Psalm 22:16-21, Proverbs 5:11-14  
18 Exodus 36:20-37:29, Matthew 27:24-44, Psalm 22:22-26, Proverbs 5:15-17  
19 Exodus 38:1-39:31, Matthew 27:45-66, Psalm 22:27-31, Proverbs 5:18-20  
20 Exodus 39:32-40:38, Matthew 28:1-20, Psalm 23:1-6, Proverbs 5:21-23  
21 Leviticus 1:1-3:17, Mark 1:1-20, Psalm 24:1-10, Proverbs 6:1-3  
22 Leviticus 4:1-5:19, Mark 1:21-45, Psalm 25:1-7, Proverbs 6:4-5  
23 Leviticus 6:1-7:21, Mark 2:1-22, Psalm 25:8-15, Proverbs 6:6-8  
24 Leviticus 7:22-8:36, Mark 2:23-3:12, Psalm 25:16-22, Proverbs 6:9-11  
25 Leviticus 9:1-11:12, Mark 3:13-35, Psalm 26:1-7, Proverbs 6:12-15  
26 Leviticus 11:13-13:17, Mark 4:1-20, Psalm 26:8-12, Proverbs 6:16-19  
27 Leviticus 13:18-14:14, Mark 4:21-41, Psalm Ps 27:1-6, Proverbs 6:20-22  
28 Leviticus 14:15-15:12, Mark 5:1-20, Psalm 27:7-14, Proverbs 6:23-26  
29 Leviticus 15:13-16:34, Mark 5:21-43, Psalm 28:1-5, Proverbs 6:27-29  
30 Leviticus 17:1-19:10, Mark 6:1-20, Psalm 28:6-9, Proverbs 6:30-31  
31 Leviticus 19:11-20:27, Mark 6:21-46, Psalm 29:1-6, Proverbs 6:32-33

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Leviticus 21:1-22:33, Mark 6:47-7:16, Psalm 29:7-11, Proverbs 6:34-35  
2 Leviticus 23:1-24:23, Mark 7:17-37, Psalm 30:1-6, Proverbs 7:1-3  
3 Leviticus 25:1-55, Mark 8:1-21, Psalm 30:7-12, Proverbs 7:4-5  
4 Leviticus 26:1-46, Mark 8:22-9:1, Psalm 31:1-8, Proverbs 7:6-8  
5 Leviticus 27:1-34, Mark 9:2-29, Psalm 31:9-18, Proverbs 7:9-12  
6 Numbers 1:1-54, Mark 9:30-50, Psalm 31:19-24, Proverbs 7:13-17  
7 Numbers 2:1-3:16, Mark 10:1-22, Psalm 32:1-7, Proverbs 7:18-21  
8 Numbers 3:17-4:20, Mark 10:23-45, Psalm 32:8-11, Proverbs 7:22-23  
9 Numbers 4:21-5:31, Mark 10:46-11:11, Psalm 33:1-9, Proverbs 7:24-27  
10 Numbers 6:1-7:29, Mark 11:12-33, Psalm 33:10-17, Proverbs 8:1-3  
11 Numbers 7:30-89, Mark 12:1-27, Psalm 33:18-22, Proverbs 8:4-5  
12 Numbers 8:1-10:10, Mark 12:28-44, Psalm 34:1-7, Proverbs 8:6-7  
13 Numbers 10:11-11:35, Mark 13:1-20, Psalm 34:8-14, Proverbs 8:8-9  
14 Numbers 12:1-14:4, Mark 13:21-37, Psalm 34:15-22, Proverbs 8:10-13  
15 Numbers 14:5-45, Mark 14:1-21, Psalm 35:1-10, Proverbs 8:14-17  
16 Numbers 15:1-41, Mark 14:22-42, Psalm 35:11-16, Proverbs 8:18-19

- 17 Numbers 16:1-50, Mark 14:43-72, Psalm 35:17-21, Proverbs 8:20-21  
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- 18 Numbers 17:1-19:8, Mark 15:1-21, Psalm 35:22-28, Proverbs 8:22-24
- 19 Numbers 19:9-21:9, Mark 15:22-47, Psalm 36:1-6, Proverbs 8:25-26
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