



EVAN9404 The Biblical & Theological Basis of Evangelism and Discipleship

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Division of Pastoral Ministries

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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.

Core Value Focus

The Seminary's core values are: (1) Doctrinal Integrity, (2) Spiritual Vitality, (3) Mission Focus, (4) Characteristic Excellence, and (5) Servant Leadership. The 2020-21 core value focus is **Mission Focus**.

Curriculum Competencies

All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making and Spiritual and Character Formation.

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to current theological issues which affect the concept and task of evangelism and discipleship. Attention will also be given to the relevance of theological concerns in biblical discipleship and to current church growth methodologies and the sociological milieu to which they relate.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will understand the necessity of the relationship between evangelism, discipleship, and theology.
2. Students will identify the current theological issues which will affect their concept and strategy of evangelism and discipleship in the local church.
3. Students will critique the theological issues and current evangelistic and discipling methodologies in relationship to one another.
4. Students will study church growth principles in relationship to a theological perspective.

5. Students will be encouraged to develop evangelism and discipleship strategies for the local church which will be consistent with good theological principles.
6. Students will research the theological and philosophical epistemologies which undergird evangelism, discipleship, and healthy evangelistic church growth.

Textbooks

Andrews, Alan, ed. *The Kingdom Life: A Practical Theology of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation*. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2016.

Drummond, Lewis. *The Word of the Cross: A Contemporary Theology of Evangelism*. Nashville: Broadman, 1992.

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Course Teaching Methodology

1. **Lectures**—The lectures of the professor will be the beginning source of material for the course.
2. **Research**—Students will research theological constructs pertaining to evangelism, discipleship and healthy evangelistic church growth.
3. **Discussions**—Class discussions will be conducted based on questions raised in the lectures, the assigned readings and research projects.
4. **Assignments**—Students will write book reviews of the four course textbooks, prepare exegetical/word study papers, and complete major research projects that will be presented and defended in the seminar.

Course Requirements

1. Each student will complete a book review/critique of each textbook. The review should include the following elements: brief information about the author, summary of the book's contents, strengths/weaknesses, and insights gleaned for personal theology of evangelism and discipleship (3-5 pages single-spaced per each textbook).
2. Each student will present an exegetical or word study minor paper. The minor paper should consist of an exegetical study of a selected passage or semantic domain analysis of a selected word and the significance of the passage/word to evangelism and discipleship. The minor paper will need to be concluded with an outline and sermon/Bible study brief derived from the selected passage/word (10-15 pages double-spaced).

Suggested passages and topics include:

Matthew 28:16-20

Mark 16:14-20

Luke 24:36-49

John 20:19-23

Acts 1:1-11

John 3:1-21

Genesis 3

Isaiah 53

Σωτηρια (soteria)

Ευαγγελιζο (euaggelidzo)

Κηρυξο (karuso)

Διδασκω (didasko)

Μαρτυρεω/μαρτυς (martus)

Μαθητευω (mathateu)

Κηρυγμα (kerygma)

Βασιλευς (basileus)

3. Each student will present and defend a major research project in a seminar format. The body of the research paper should be at least 30-35 pages. A copy of the student's paper should be e-mailed to all of the students in the seminar and the professor. The student will bring a hard copy of his paper to submit to the professor on the day of his presentation unless he is taking the seminar by means of the synchronous video format.

Suggested research topics:

“Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God”

“Evangelism/Discipleship in the Theology of Paul”

“The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Evangelist and the Evangelized”

“The Impact of the Doctrine of Justification (or Sanctification; or Conversion; or Regeneration) on Methodology in Evangelism and Discipleship”

“The Impact of the Doctrine of the Atonement on Evangelism and Discipleship”

“The Biblical and Theological Case For (Against) Evangelistic Public Invitations”

“The Impact of the Doctrine of the Perseverance of the Saints on Discipleship”

“Evangelism and Discipleship within Covenant Theology (or Dispensational Theology; or Wesleyan Theology; or Charismatic Theology; or Calvinistic Theology)”

“The Theology of Evangelism of Jonathan Edwards (or Charles Finney; or D. L. Moody; or R. A. Torrey; or Billy Graham; or R. L. Scarborough)”

“Developing a Biblical and Theological Case for Church Revitalization”

“A Case For (Against) Calvinistic Theology as It Relates to Evangelism and Discipleship”

Evaluation of Grade

Book Reviews	40%
Minor Paper	20%
Major Paper	40%

Course Schedule

September 3 – Orientation; Lecture/Discussion of the Relationship between Evangelism, Discipleship, and Theology; Selection of Paper Topics

October 1 – Discussion of Book Reviews, Lecture/Discussion of Methodologies/Strategies

November 5 – Presentation of Minor Papers

December 3 – Presentation of Major Papers

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.

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.

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