

Supervised Reading Colloquium 4
EVSR9304 Contemporary Methods and Models of Evangelism
(1/19, 2/16, 3/29, 5/3)

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Description

This colloquium is designed to direct students majoring in evangelism in the Doctor of Philosophy program in foundational readings related generally to the field of contemporary methods and models of evangelism.

Objectives

At the conclusion of the colloquium, the students should be able to:

1. Communicate a broad understanding of materials related to contemporary methods and models of evangelism.
2. Develop a literature review for their oral exam in the area of contemporary methods and models of evangelism

Methodology

Guided by the professor, this colloquium is a resource-driven learning experience that involves the selection and reading of texts germane to selected issues in contemporary methods and models of evangelism. Also, it is an opportunity to explore potential research projects for a dissertation.

During the first meeting, the student will be assigned various books to read and present to the seminar.

Assignments:

Session One (January 19, 2012)

All students will read and be prepared to discuss the following book:

Malphurs, Aubrey. *A New Kind of Church: Understanding Models of Ministry for the 21st Century*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2007.

NOTE: Each student will submit a one page single-spaced summary for the book. Students only need to provide one copy for the professor.

Sessions Two - Four (February 16, March 29, and May 3):

In seminar sessions 2-4, students will discuss six books. Each student will be responsible for reading the two books assigned to them. Each student will write a one to two page single-spaced review of the assigned books that will be distributed to the entire class.

You should note the following...

1. Each student has two books for which they are responsible for each seminar session.
2. Each student will be responsible for leading the discussion for their assigned books.
3. Each student preparing a written review will want to write with the knowledge that fellow students will want a quality review. The review will need at least the following components: data on the author, summary of the contents, the place of the book in the field (particular contribution to the field), and overall evaluation. Length can vary, but one to two pages single-spaced should be adequate if you make your words count.

Session Two - February 16

Book	Student Assigned
American Church in Crisis	
Lost in America	
Surprising Insights from the Unchurched	
Grow Your Church from the Outside In	
How to Multiply Your Church	
Church Morph	
Deep Church	
Myths and Truths of the Cell Church: Key Principles that Make or Break Cell Ministry	

Session Three – March 29

Book	Student Assigned
Multi-Site Churches	
Multi-Site Roadtrip	
Planting a New Church in a Postmodern Age	
The Color of Church	
Deliberate Simplicity	
Sticky Church	
Beyond Mega-Church Myths	
Bonsai Theory of Church Growth: Overcoming Artificial Barriers to Kingdom Growth	

Session Four – May 3

Book	Student Assigned
Worship Evangelism	
Conspiracy of Kindness	
Tell It Often - Tell It Well	
Power Evangelism	
Preaching to a Postmodern World	
Natural Church Development	
Evangelism Outside the Box	
Evangelism - Which Way Now?	

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