



**EVS9304 SUPERVISED READING
COLLOQUIUM: CONTEMPORARY METHODS
AND MODELS OF EVANGELISM**
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Division of Church Ministry
Spring 2022 * Friday * 6:00-8:00 PM
(2/4, 3/4, 4/8, 5/6)

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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.

Course 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.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

Course Teaching 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, the colloquium provides an opportunity for students to explore potential research projects for a dissertation.

Textbooks, Course Requirements, and Course Schedule

Session One (February 4)

All students will read and be prepared to discuss the books listed below. Each student will submit a

three to five page double-spaced review of both books. Students only need to provide one copy of the review for the professor.

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

Iorg, Jeff. *The Case for Antioch: A Biblical Model for a Transformational Church*. Nashville: B & H Publishing Group, 2011.

Sessions Two, Three & Four (March 4, April 8 and May 6)

In sessions 2, 3 & 4, each student will review and discuss a total of six assigned books. Each student will be responsible for reading the two books assigned to him per session. Each student will write a three to five page double-spaced review of the assigned books that will be distributed to the entire class. The review should include the following components: data on the author, summary of the contents, the significance of the book and its contribution to the field on contemporary methods and models of evangelism, and an evaluation of the book. The books will be assigned at the first class session.

Evaluation of Grade

This is a Pass/Fail course. Grading will be based upon text familiarity, dialogue participation and written work. The overall assessment of the work will be from a qualitative perspective.

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.

Session Two – March 4

Book	Student Assigned
The American Church in Crisis	
The Myth of the Dying Church	
Anatomy of a Revived Church	
Grow Your Church from the Outside In	
How to Multiply Your Church	

Church Growth Flywheel	
How to Break Growth Barriers	
Groups that Thrive	
Deep and Wide	
Deliberate Simplicity	

Session Three – April 8

Book	Student Assigned
Growing God's Church	
MultiChurch: Exploring the Future of Multisite	
Planting Missional Churches	
What Every Pastor Should know	
8 Innovations to Leading Millennials	
Meet Generation Z	
Sticky Church	
Simple Church	
Word Centered Church	
Beyond Megachurch Myths	

Session Four – May 6

Book	Student Assigned
Worship Evangelism	
Conspiracy of Kindness	
It's a God Thing	
Great Commission, Great Compassion	
The Mind of a Missionary	
Natural Church Development	
The Insanity of Obedience	
Missional Communities	
God Dreams	
The Coffee Shop that Changed a Church	

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