PM 514.C  BIBLICAL DISCIPLE MAKING I
COURSE SYLLABUS
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Course Description:
This course explores biblical principles and experiential learning theories as they relate to the overall philosophy and practice of disciple-making within Christian ministries and religious education. Special attention is given to theological reflection and skills needed for developing personal faith and strategies for disciple-making through study of selected spiritual disciplines such as Bible study, prayer, and worship. Attention is given to both classical and contemporary literature regarding disciple-making. A careful study is made of the biblical and philosophical bases for disciple-making. Using the DiscipleWay model, students will also be trained to help lead others in the same disciplines.

Course Textbooks:

Three separate booklets: DiscipleWay Bible Study, DiscipleWay Prayer, DiscipleWay Worship (may be purchased at the seminary)


Course Objectives:
By the end of the semester, the student should:
1. Understand the importance of spiritual growth, experience personal spiritual growth, and comprehend the biblical foundations for the concept of helping others grow in Christian discipleship and ability to make disciples makers.
2. Interact cognitively, affectively, and experientially with the spiritual disciplines and achieve the objectives listed in each discipline of the DiscipleWay
curriculum related to Bible Study, Prayer, and Worship.

3. Through theological reflection and self-reflection (i.e., evaluation), integrate methods and principles into his/her own disciple making process.

4. Understand a reproducible process of making disciples makers.

5. Evaluate literature related to disciple-making

6. Evaluate current disciple-making strategies within his/her own church and plan improvement strategies utilizing course content.

Course Requirements:

1. Mid-term Exam 20%

2. Personal Spiritual Discipline 30%
   Complete the DiscipleWay lessons and participate in scheduled weekly meetings using Google Hangouts, an Internet-based chat platform. This allows for streaming video and live chat with students and instructor in real-time. (Google Hangout users must have a broadband connection to the Internet.)

3. Required Reading and Writing 30%
   Read the required textbooks and submit a one-page (double-spaced, 12 pt font), reaction paper on Following the Model of Christ and The Lost Art of Disciple Making. Also, submit a one-page reaction paper to the video introduction to DiscipleWay.

   Read one book on each of the spiritual disciplines covered in class: Bible study (due 5th week), prayer (due 10th week), and worship (due 13th week) and write a 2-3 paged critical book review on each book. Use the guidelines found at http://www.sebts.edu/files/dmin/bookreview.pdf to complete the reviews. (You may use Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Whitney for one of your critical book reviews.) Write a two-paged critical book review of each book

4. Reflection Paper 20%
   The student will write a 5-7 paged, double-spaced, reflection paper regarding discipleship. Three questions need to be answered in this reflection paper:
   (1) What has been your experience with discipleship in the past?
   (2) What is your understanding of true biblical discipleship?
   (3) How effective is your church in making disciples, and how could your church improve in the area of disciple making?
   *This is your final exam.*

Tentative Schedule:
Weekly lessons will focus on those highlighted with bold print. Other lessons (not in bold) will receive an overview during the class period. Students should complete the bolded and assigned lessons. Students should read the text and comments for the lessons not in bold. For example, complete the Bible study for lesson 2.4 and read the text and lesson only for 2.5.

09/03: Introduction and Overview (View Dr. Johnson’s lecture: https://www.youtube.com/watch?
Course Format:

This course is the beginning to the Discipleway program. Students who take this course should be prepared for the eventual leading of others in the Discipleway material. The course will meet weekly in Google Hangouts (Students will be informed how to access the media before class begins). Students must be able to do the following:

1. You must have access to a computer. Class sessions and coaching will be mainly online.
2. You must be available when the scheduled online session begins, and you must remain online, a part of the discussion, to the end of class.
3. The class will meet via the internet once a week.
4. The purpose of the meetings will be to coach the student in the Discipleway material.

How to access Google Hangouts:

1. You must have a Google email (gmail) account.
2. Once you have that, log in and you will see (on the left) Google Hangout.
3. FYI: Once you have registered for the course, the professor will invite you via Google Hangout to be a part of the conversation online.

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