Syllabus for *Biblical Evangelism and Discipleship II: EV 512 – Spring 2016 Semester*

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**Course Description:**

This course is designed to provide advanced study of biblical principles and theory for Christian evangelism, outreach, and discipleship. The course uses regular field ministry to give attention to the development of communication and evaluation skills and effective methods for training others in evangelism and outreach. The course includes student exposure to persons within varied cultural and social contexts. Attention is given to selected spiritual disciplines such as giving, witnessing, and serving. Prerequisite courses (PM 312 or PM 514; EV 311 or EV 511).

**Course Textbooks:**


6. Three separate booklets: *DiscipleWay Giving, DiscipleWay Witnessing, DiscipleWay Serving* (these three booklets must be purchased at the seminary).

**Course Objectives:**

1. Students should grow in *understanding* the biblical foundations of giving, witnessing, and serving disciplines as essential for personal spiritual formation and ministerial leadership (Requirement 2).

2. Students should grow in *affective* (i.e., desire) and *behavioral* components (i.e., skills) needed to train others in making disciple makers as related to giving, witnessing, and serving disciplines (Requirements 1-2, 8).

3. Students should be able to *appraise* (i.e., evaluate) individual ministry contexts and *formulate* (i.e., synthesize) strategies for implementing making disciple makers within such contexts (Requirements 2, 7-8).

4. Students should grow in skills needed for meaningful interaction with varied cultural contexts (social, ethnic, religious, economically, etc.). Among other skills, such interaction requires the abilities to think critically, communicate clearly, and demonstrate compassion (Requirements 2, 5-8).

5. Students should be able to identify, *analyze, and/or evaluate* classic and contemporary literature regarding evangelism and discipleship (Requirements 4-7).

6. Students should be able to *evaluate* personal training experiences (Requirement 8).

**Course Requirements:**

1. Be prepared to lead an assigned section of the DiscipleWay introduction material on the first day of class. This material was presented on the first day of class for PM 514 and will be repeated on the first day of EV 512. Be familiar with Part 1 of *Following the Model of Christ by Making Disciple Makers*. 
2. Read and complete weekly assigned lessons from DiscipleWay 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0 series (assigned lessons are in bold print on the course schedule).

3. Attend class and participate in on-the-job training, take course exams, etc.

4. Read Alcorn’s book, *The Treasure Principle of Giving*, and prepare a 2-3 page book review (double-spaced) that analyzes the text (identify themes) and contrasts them with your prior understanding of giving.


6. Read Sheldon’s, *In His Steps*, and prepare a 1-2 page self-reflection paper that draws conclusions about your own life as related to the book’s general theme.


8. Prepare three written reports (2 pages each, double-spaced) regarding three 5.0 training visits made during the week. Each report should include answers that evaluate the following three areas: (a) What did you/your team do well? (b) could have done better? (c) what did you learn about the Lordship of Christ, ministry in a multi- or cross-cultural setting, varied religious traditions, or varied social contexts?

*On all writing assignments, students will be graded on both content and proper English grammar and syntax.*

*All writing assignments are to be turned in as an electronic Word document as an attachment to the professor’s email. Any assignment not turned in by midnight on the date it is due will be considered late.*

**Late Work:**

All assignments must be turned in according to the dates on the class schedule. Any work turned in late will be deducted 2 percentage points for every day it is late.

**Course Examinations:**

The student will be required to take a mid-term and a final exam. The final exam is not cumulative. Exams must be taken on the day they are scheduled.
Course Grading:

   The student may work toward 1,000 points for this course. The percentage points will not
be rounded up. For example, if the student earns 907 points for the course, the percentage will be
90.7%, which is a “B.” The student must earn the next level from B to A, C to B, etc. The point
values and percentages break down as follows:

   Mid-Semester Exam                         100 pts. (10%)
   Final Exam                                100 pts. (10%)
   DiscipleWay Booklet lessons               150 pts. (15%)
     (15 lessons @ 10 pts. each)
   Book review on Alcorn                     100 pts. (10%)
   Book review on Kennedy                    100 pts. (10%)
   Reflection paper on Sheldon               100 pts. (10%)
   Formulation for ongoing service @ church  100 pts. (10%)
   Witnessing Reports (3 @ 50 pts. each)     150 pts. (15%)
   Class Participation & OJT                100 pts. (10%)

BMATS Grading Scale:

   A     91-100%                      F     below 61%
   B     81-90%                      I     Incomplete
   C     71-80%                      WP    Withdrawal while passing
   D     61-70%                      WF    Withdrawal while failing

Class Attendance & Participation

   The students are expected to be in class for each class session and participate in each OJT
Witnessing and Service Projects. Failure to be in class or participate in OJT will result in a
reduction of one’s overall grade (5 point reduction per miss). Missing more than ¼ of class
sessions, except for extenuating circumstances, can place that student at risk of failing the
course. Three tardies are equal to one absence, so be on time!

A Practical Word Concerning OJT Visits

   Students are encouraged to exercise faith balanced with caution while participating and
leading 5.0 OJT visitation. The utmost attention should be given to safety while traveling,
approaching individuals, selecting locations to visit, etc. Visiting teams should clearly identify
themselves when approaching prospects. They should be aware of how individuals might
misinterpret the team’s presence as a threat and take precautions to prevent such
misunderstanding. This is particularly true “late” at night and with individuals who may be alone
or feel vulnerable.
Classroom Decorum

Students need to be prepared for each class session by reading the required text from the course textbooks and the Bible studies completed from the DiscipleWay booklets according to the course schedule. The student should also have the key verses memorized for each lesson discussed in class. Failure to be prepared for class will result in a reduction in one's participation grade. The primary mode of instruction will be small group discussion from the Bible studies. Students are encouraged to ask questions that often result in classroom discussions. All discussions should be civil and the professor reserves the right to terminate any discussions that cease to be fruitful. Students are not allowed to eat snacks while class is in session as this can be a distraction for some students. A fifteen minute break will be given at the mid-point of the class period in which snacks may be consumed.
Course Schedule:

Jan. 26: Introduction and Overview of DiscipleWay (All groups meet in Grimsley Build.)
Feb. 2: Giving 4.1 & 4.2 [Teach Hand Outline]
Feb. 9: Giving 4.3 & 4.4 [Go Over Scriptures in EE Outline]
Feb. 16: Giving 4.5 & 4.6 [Diagnostic Questions]
Feb. 23: Giving 4.7 / Introducing elements of Share Your Faith / Paschal Lecture Reading of The Treasure Principle Due and 1st Reflection paper on Giving
Mar. 8: Witnessing 5.2 & 5.3 (OJT)
Mar. 15: MID-SEMESTER EXAM (OJT)
Mar. 22: Witnessing 5.4 & 5.5 (OJT)
Mar. 29: Witnessing 5.6 & 5.7 (OJT) Reading of Evangelism Explosion Due and 2nd Reflection paper on Witnessing
Apr. 5: Serving 6.1 & 6.2 (OJT)
Apr. 12: Serving 6.3 & 6.4 (Service project)
Apr. 19: Serving 6.5 (Service project)
Apr. 26: BMAA National Meeting in Gatlinburg, TN [No Class]
May 3: Serving 6.6 & 6.7 (Service Project) Reading of In His Steps Due and 3rd Reflection paper on Serving
May 10: FINAL EXAM (OJT)

- The professor reserves the right to make any changes to this course syllabus at his discretion.

- For the first week our class will meet in the Cherokee Room for the first 30 minutes to cover a brief introduction to the course. At 2:30 all DiscipleWay groups will convene in the Grimsley Building. Beginning with the second week of class, classes will be divided into small groups.
Course Syllabus Contract

I have carefully read through the syllabus for this course. I fully comprehend what is expected of me as a student in this course.

If I am late for any assignments, I understand that they will be deducted 2 percentage points for every day they are late.

I understand that the tests must be taken on the dates they are scheduled.

I understand the 1,000 point grading scale for this course and further understand that percentage points will not be rounded up to allow for a better letter grade in the class.

I understand that attending class is vital to my seminary education, and that missing class will result in 5 points deducted from my class attendance and participation grade for each class missed. I further understand that three tardies are equal to one absence according to the BMATS catalog.

I understand that participating in On-the-Job training and service projects are essential elements for the successful completion of this course, and I further understand that failure to participate fully in these elements will result in 5 points deducted per element missed.

By affixing my signature below, I fully comply with the procedures for this course:

Printed Name ________________________________

Date ___________ Signature ________________________________