

EV 501 Personal & Corporate Outreach Autumn 2004 Instructor: Steve Zub

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Course Description

• This course seeks to integrate evangelism & evangelistic practice with the purpose of developing a wholesome biblical lifestyle conducive to personal & community outreach. Participants will be encouraged to improve their effectiveness in personal communication of the Gospel. Skills & techniques will be learned to enhance the participants's style of communicating the Gospel. Principles & approaches for developing disciples will be explored in an effort to help new believers as they are incorporated into a local fellowship.

Course Objectives

- To learn how to share our Christian Faith—our belief in the triune God & the person of Jesus Christ with confidence, clarity & conviction.
- To understand the present world in which we live—a despairing & deceptive world & how Christians can best reach out to...influence...and transform their society for good & for the sake of God's kingdom.
- To understand the importance & dynamics of proselytizing in a world that disdains it.
- To value the Word of God more than we do now & to integrate scripture in our efforts to evangelize in today's world that is becoming more & more biblically illiterate.
- To understand what it truly means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Required Texts

- The Bible
- Green, Michael. Evangelism Through the Local Church, Hodder & Stoughton, 1990
- Newman, Randy. Questioning Evangelism, Kregel 2004

Course Schedule

• There will be two sessions per week <u>back to back</u> on the same day—<u>Tuesdays</u> from 2:30 to 5:15 p.m. There will be NO CLASS on the following date: Tuesday, September 28—a community day.

Course Requirements & Grade

A. Two Gospel Outlines

(5% of final grade)

- Each student is required to Outline the Events & Discourses of the Gospel of Matthew & the Gospel of John.
 - ➤ Due Date for Gospel of Matthew: October 12
 - ➤ Due Date for <u>Gospel of John</u>: November 30

B. Scripture Memory

- Each student is required to memorize selected scriptures given by the professor & be able to recite them in class whenever asked to by the professor & be able to recall them or write them down for the midterm and final exams.
- See Memory Work Handout for details.

C. Sharing Your Faith Assignment

(15% of final grade)

- The student is expected to reach out to 3 non-Christian individuals in the hope of sharing your faith with them. This is not meant to be a high-pressure assignment to convert people. If we feel uncomfortable with reaching out to others we need to learn to overcome our fears in this area.
- Your approach to this is up you. You are encouraged to rely heavily on what you are learning in class & through what Randy Newman teaches in his book Questioning Evangelism.
- <u>Outreach Report</u>: You need to write out your experiences expressing the circumstances, approach you took, reaction of the other person, objections raised etc—<u>Descriptive</u> <u>Comments</u>. Secondly, you need to make <u>Emotive Comments</u> like...How you felt doing it...What do you think happened during your visit...What was God saying to you...Did you sense his presence and support?
 - ➤ Develop a list of 12 probing questions to ask people. This is a list you will personally want to use for the rest of your life in reaching out to others to share your faith. Your assigned reading & class teaching will help you in developing these questions. Submit this list of 12 probing questions on a separate sheet attached to your Outreach Report.
- By simply doing this assignment properly you will receive the full marks. One or possibly two classes might be set aside for each student to share with the class about their experience in sharing their faith.
- Due Date: November 23

• To assist you in this assignment you will need to write out your personal testimony of how you came to believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord & Saviour. You will be given a guideline to follow. The Due Date is October 5.

D. Gospel Pie Presentation

(20% of final grade)

- The student is required to prepare & present in class a Gospel Pie presentation. The assignment will become very clear to the student after the September 21st classes.
- Clear guidelines will be given in a separate handout.

• Due Date: November 2

E. Book Reviews: (10% of final grade)

Newman, Randy. Questioning Evangelism
 Green, Michael. Evangelism Through the Local Church
 Due Date: October 19
 Due Date: November 30

F. **Midterm Exam** (20% of final grade)

• The midterm will be based on assigned readings and class notes & discussion. [Written only]

Date: Tuesday, <u>October 26</u>Time: 2:30—3:45 p.m.

G. **Final Exam** (30% of final grade)

Option A: Oral & Written (120 minutes)

- Oral Component (30 minutes & 15% of final exam mark):
 - ➤ The student is expected to talk with the professor about all that he/she has learned in & through the course [all classes & assigned readings] in answer to questions he will pose to the student.
 - Different types of questions will be asked in order to illicit both <u>objective answers</u> based on pure content [head knowledge] & <u>reflective answers</u> that will reveal how well you have interacted with the material emotionally & spiritually [heart knowledge].
 - ➤ The student is expected to set the time of his/her oral component with the professor by Tuesday, November 30, 2004. The time period set aside for the oral component is Wednesday, December 1—Friday, December 10.
 - ➤ Because honesty & integrity are valued Christian virtues, the student will have the opportunity to exercise these virtues in the sight of God. The student will be trusted by the professor to NOT discuss any part of the oral exam with any other CTS student directly or indirectly.
 - Remember: The ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord and He watches all his paths. [proverbs 5:21]

- Remember: The eyes of the Lord are in every place, watching the evil & the good. [proverbs 15:3]
- Written Component (90 minutes & 15% of final exam mark):
 - ➤ The student is expected to write about all that he/she has learned in & through the course [all classes & assigned readings] in answer to the questions asked.
 - Different types of questions will be asked in order to illicit both <u>objective answers</u> based on pure content [head knowledge] & <u>reflective answers</u> that will reveal how well you have interacted with the material emotionally & spiritually [heart knowledge].

➤ Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2004

➤ Time: 2:30—4:00 p.m.

Option B: Oral Only (90 minutes)

- The student is expected to recite all of or part of the epistle of I John chapters 1 through 5 having memorized these five chapters over the course of the semester.
- The student is expected to talk with the professor about all that he/she has learned in & through the course [all classes & assigned readings] in answer to questions he will pose to the student.
- Most of the questions asked but not all will use the content of I John as our starting
 point in order to illicit both <u>objective answers</u> based on pure content [head knowledge]
 & <u>reflective answers</u> that will reveal how well you have interacted with the material
 emotionally & spiritually [heart knowledge].
- The pure oral exam is much more intensive than a written exam because the student is continually engaged with the professor which is why it is only 90 minutes—not 120 minutes.
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General Information

- <u>Late Work</u>: For each 24 hour period late, there will be a drop of a letter grade (e.g. B+ will drop to B). All work is due at the beginning of the class session on the day assigned. The learner is expected to anticipate overlap with other courses & their requirements & therefore, to plan ahead.
- <u>Academic Regulations</u>: The professor will comply with all academic regulations set forth in the current CTS catalogue & Student Handbook & expects the student to be familiar with them
- <u>Course Revisions</u>: The professor reserves the right to modify any part of the course if he deems it necessary & advantageous.
- Extra Copies: Please ensure that you retain a personal copy of all the work that you submit for this course.

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