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PT5710 Discipleship
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COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to instruct students how to disciple men and women, build into their lives basic Christian disciplines and to equip them to disciple others

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To give the students a vision and a motivation and the tools to disciple people
2. To instill within the students a vision and passion to fulfill the Great Commission and obey the Great Commandment within both their personal lives and the Church
3. To lead the students to formulate a clear definition of a “disciple”
4. To encourage the student to develop a holistic and integrated philosophy of ministry and discipleship
5. To review historical and contemporary models of making disciples in the Church and to extract timeless and trans-cultural facets for the students’ various applications in ministry

COURSE TEXTS

1. Hull, *Bill The Disciple-Making Church* (**Master student only**)
2. Arn, *Win The Master’s Plan for Making Disciples* (**Certificate & Master Student**)
3. *Henrichsen, Walter A. *Disciples are Made and not Born* (**Certificate & Master student**)
4. *Bonhoeffer, Dietrich *The Cost of Discipleship* (**Master student only**)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Each student is required to complete assigned material and be prepared to discuss during class
2. Each student is to write a three-four page book critique on each book designated as a book review (noted by *)
3. The following guidelines are to be followed in critiquing the books
 - a. Write a **brief summary** of the main theme and any major secondary themes of the author. I DO NOT WANT A BOOK REVIEW!!

- b. Include in your **analysis** the arguments the author sets forth. Your analysis should be focused primarily upon **how faithfully you think the author has interpreted and applied the Scripture**
 - c. *Evaluate* how they have either succeeded or failed in taking into account all of Scripture
 - d. Tell me why you agree or disagree with their conclusion(s), using the Scriptures to support any differing views you may hold
 - e. Conclude with a paragraph that states what you have gained personally and professionally from reading this book
 - f. **FIRST BOOK REVIEW DUE OCTOBER 7TH NO EXTENSION**
 - g. **SECOND BOOK REVIEW DUE NOVEMBER 19TH NO EXTENSION**
4. Mid-term Exam: **OCTOBER 7TH**
 5. Final Exam: **DECEMBER 3**
 6. Develop a Personal Ministry Plan for disciple making relative to two different people that you formerly disciplined or are currently discipling. **DUE NOVEMBER 26**

COURSE GRADING

Master's Student

1. Course Readings and Assignments	30%
2. Book Critiques	20%
3. Mid-term Exam	25%
4. Final Exam	25%

Certificate Student's

1. Course Readings and Assignments	20%
2. Book Critiques	10%
3. Mid-term	35%
4. Final Exam	35%

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARD

All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped on letter grade

All course materials must be submitted to the respective professors at the end of the semester, which is the last day of class. Thereafter, course materials may be submitted for up to six (6) weeks after the end of the semester directly to the Office of the Registrar with the permission of the professor. If a student submits course materials after the end of the semester but within the six (6) week grace period the student's grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six (6) week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript

CLASS SCHEDULE

September

- 3 Introduction
- 10 Come And See
- 17 Come and See
- 24 Come Follow Me

October

- 7 Come Follow Me **FIRST BOOK REVIEW DUE**
- 14 **FALL BREAK: NO CLASS**
- 21 Come Follow Me
- 28 Come Follow Me **MID-TERM EXAM**

November

- 5 Come Be With Me
- 12 Come Be With Me
- 19 Come Be With Me **SECOND BOOK REVIEW DUE**
- 26 Remain In Me **PERSONAL MIINISTRY PLAN DUE**

December

- 3 Final Exam

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