

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Continuing Education Course
Springfield, Missouri
May 16, 2002

**P THE 640 ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP
PROGRAM**
(2 Credits)

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Establishing and Effective Evangelism and Discipleship Program is a practical course designed to help ministers develop strategies for gaining new converts and making disciples. Attention will also be given to "closing the back door" through an intentional approach to assimilation.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Give an accurate and comprehensive expression of the gospel.
2. Recount the basis and patterns of New Testament evangelism.
3. Discuss motives/methods for involvement in evangelism.
4. Apply biblical evangelism in the work of the ministry.
5. Demonstrate familiarity with some of the current materials available for evangelism.
6. Develop an assimilation process that will "close the back door", keeping people from leaving the church and involving them in the work of the ministry.

TEXTBOOKS

Required:

Innes, Dick. *I Hate Witnessing*. Ventura, CA: ACW Press, 1985. (ISBN 0964252503)

Metzger, Will. *Tell the Truth*. Downer's Grove, IL: Inter Varsity Press, 1984.
(ISBN 087784934X)

Recommended:

Barna, George. *The Frog in the Kettle*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1990.

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Definitions and descriptions
- II. Basis and philosophy of evangelism
- III. Development of an assimilation model
- IV. Principles of evangelism
- V. New convert classes
- VI. Adoption programs
- VII. Practical use of the assimilation model

METHODOLOGY

Methodology will include class lecture, discussion and dialogue, learning activities, reading and writing assignments.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. *Pre-session*

1. Read the assigned texts.
2. Prepare a two-three page typewritten reaction paper on each of the assigned texts. Identify the main theme of each and how it developed.
3. Communicate Jesus to at least three people. Be prepared to discuss and analyze these encounters in class.

Questions to help guide you:

- a. What did you do to prepare for the occasion?
- b. How did the opportunity present itself? Analyze.
- c. How did you turn the conversation to the realm of the spiritual?
- d. What notable difficulties did you encounter?
- e. What would you do differently next time?
- f. What were the apparent results?

DUE DATE: All pre-session assignments are due on the first day of class,
Thursday, May 16, 2001.

B. *Session*

The participant is expected to attend and contribute in all class sessions.

C. *Post-session*

The participant will prepare a contextual project on some aspect of evangelism, discipleship, and assimilation as it relates to his/her ministry. This paper should be approximately 12-15 pages in length (exclusive of endnotes and bibliography), and based on careful use of primary and secondary sources. The professor must approve the subject of the paper before the final day of the session.

DUE DATE: All post-session must be **postmarked** by, **August 16, 2002.**

GRADING PROCEDURE

The final grade will be based on the following:

Reaction papers	10%
Class preparation and participation	10%
Contextual project	80%

Late work may be penalized at the discretion of the professor.

NOTE: Work received after the due date specified in the syllabus will result in a change of grade fee (\$15.00) being charged, even when an extension has been granted by the instructor.

Submit all assignments to: Dr. David Watson
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Springfield, MO 65803

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Sweet, Leonard. *Soulsunami: Sink or Swim in the New Millennium Culture*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1999.

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SPECIFIC DATA

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