

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
Doctor of Ministry
PTH 902 *Biblical Theology and Ministry*
Core Course 9, February 10-14
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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Selected texts related to issues in ministry will be addressed from the perspectives of exegesis and biblical theology for the purpose of developing a personal theology of ministry.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES

The following objectives and outcomes will be realized in the context of a vigorous Pentecostal & charismatic evaluation of Scripture:

Cognitive Outcomes

1. The participant will analyze current approaches to doing biblical theology.
2. The participant will formulate analytical responses to pertinent theological issues facing Pentecostal leaders today.
3. The participant will reflect on their awareness of current interpretive methods.

Character/Attitude Outcomes

1. The participant will internalize values and themes significant to Christian ministry leaders through biblical exegesis and theological reflection.
2. The participant will enhance personal understanding and appreciation of the biblical text.
3. The participant will more profoundly manifest a life and ministry commensurate with biblical principles.

Skill Outcomes

1. The participant will develop or enhance interpretative skills which will enable serious engagement in genre, literary, and social science techniques of analysis.
2. The participant will integrate theology into daily life and ministry.
3. The participant will consider several biblical/theological insights in church life and identify how they can be integrated into the practice of ministry.

III. SESSION OUTLINE

During the week-long class session the following outline will be followed:

- I. Introduction: Foundations for Developing a Theology of Ministry
 - A. Understanding the Role of Biblical Theology?
 1. Defining Biblical Theology

2. The Role of Hermeneutics
 3. Relationship of Exegesis to Theology
 4. The Church and the Theological Enterprise
- B. Toward Defining a Biblical-Theological Purpose of the Church
1. What is the Church?
 2. What is it that the Church is supposed to be doing?
 3. Theological Assessment of Church Ministry.
 4. Toward a Biblical Theology of Ministry
- II. Knowing God Through the Spirit: Toward a Pentecostal Theology of Ministry
- A. Pentecostal Theological Presuppositions
- B. The Spirit in Christian Experience
1. Regeneration or New Birth
 2. Sanctification and Spiritual Formation
 3. Spirit-Baptism and Spiritual Empowerment
- C. The Spirit and the Purpose of the Church
- III. The Anointed Minister
- A. The Gift of the Spirit
- B. The Gifted Minister
- IV. Church Structure and Models of Ministry
- A. Testing the Validity of Models
- B. The Kingdom of God and Models of Ministry
- C. The Kingdom of God and Leadership Models
- V. The Spirit and Church Life
- A. The Charismatic Nature of Ministry
- B. Church Discipline
- C. Church Governance
- D. Mission and Ministry

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

A. Pre-Session

1. Complete assigned reading

Prior to coming to the course participants must read each book from the textbook list (approximately 1500 pages). The purpose of the pre-session reading is to heighten the participant's awareness of current methods of interpretation and biblical theology, and to enhance skills, ideas, principles and values. (Remember: this course intends to assist the participant to be a better exegete of Scripture, knowing how to synthesize it into an appropriate method, and integrating this into a viable theology of ministry.) These books are meant to serve as a model of interpretation and to provide sources for reaction. They were selected to provide ongoing sources for Pentecostal/Charismatic theological

commentary material, offering directions and models for interpretive, biblical-theological, and professional ministry skills.

Participants must complete the attached reading report and submit it on the first day of the course.

Note: It is a violation of academic policy to include in the required reading any books previously read for credit. If you have read any of the required texts for credit, please substitute another book from the course bibliography.

2. Engage in reflection on study guide questions

Attached is a list of focused study guide questions the student should keep in mind as he or she reads. These questions (and the reading) are meant to bring a degree of equal footing to all the students at the beginning of the session. The student should make sure that he or she can respond to each skill that is built into each focus question. *The study guide questions do not have to be submitted in writing, but they are to assist you in keeping focus while reading.*

3. Write a 5-6 page critical book review on James Emery White's *Rethinking the Church: A Challenge to Creative Redesign in an Age of Transition*. (See handout). In the closing section of your review, include a description of how this book has personally challenged you in your thinking about the nature and work of the Church.

B. Session

1. Submit reading report.
2. Attend all class sessions, and take an active role in classroom discussion, exercises, etc.

C. Post-Session

Write a 20-25 page paper on the biblical foundations for developing a theology of ministry. This paper will include the five foundational elements of a theology of ministry discussed in the course outline, but is not limited to these areas. Students may elect to include other topics as deemed appropriate. Conclusions must be derived from Scripture, and should demonstrate sound biblical exegesis and biblical theology. The “criterion for judgment” will be discussed in class, and a handout will be given to each participant.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK LIST

Note: Certain lengthy books have page numbers at the end of the entry. These pages direct the participant to the related material and indicate that the participant need not read the rest of the book.

Interpretive Skills Reading List

Kaiser Walter C., Jr. *Toward an Exegetical Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1981. (pp. 69-163; 185-247 - Moving from exegesis to theology to homiletical exposition)

Klein, William W., Craig L. Blomberg, and Robert L. Hubbard Jr. *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1993. (pp. 81-491)

Biblical Theology Skills Reading List

Fee, Gordon D. *God's Empowering Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Letters of Paul*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1994. (pp. 14-38 - the Spirit in Christian Experience; pp. 499-514 - Sanctification; pp. 597-603 and pp. 146-261 - the Gifted Minister)

Greig, Gary S. and Kevin N. Springer, eds. *The Kingdom and the Power: Are Healing and Spiritual Gifts Meant for the Church Today?* Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1993. (pp. 55-110 - The Anointed Minister; pp. 133-74 - A Theology of Presence; pp. 175-96 - Discipleship; pp. 207-18 - The Spirit in Christian Experience; pp. 219-56 - The Gifted Minister)

Stronstad, Roger. *The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1984.

Theology of Ministry Reading List

Warren, Rick. *The Purpose-Driven Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing Co., 1995.

White, James Emery. *Rethinking the Church: A Challenge to Creative Redesign in an Age of Transition*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1997.

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Black, David Alan, and David S. Dockery, eds. New Testament Criticism & Interpretation. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1991. 585 pages.

Dockery, David S., Kenneth A. Matthews, and Robert B. Sloan. Foundations for Biblical Interpretation: A Complete Library of Tools and Resources. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994. 593 pages.

Fee, Gordon. Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1996.

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Longman, Tremper III. Literary Approaches to Biblical Interpretation. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1987.

Longnecker, Richard. Biblical Exegesis in the Apostolic Period. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1975. 220 pages.

McQueen, Larry R. Joel and the Spirit: The Cry of a Prophetic Hermeneutic. Sheffield, England: Sheffield, 1995.

Osborne, Grant R. The Hermeneutical Spiral: A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1991.

**Read only through page 262 for this course.

Rohrbaugh, Richard, ed. The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1996.

Ryken, Leland. How To Read the Bible as Literature and Get More Out of It. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1984.

Ryken, Leland and Tremper Longman III. A Complete Literary Guide to the Bible. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1993. Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. Toward an Exegetical Theology. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1981. 247 pages.

Biblical Theology Skills

Bartlett, David L. Ministry in the New Testament. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1993. (pp. 1-200)

- Black, David Alan, and David S. Dockery, eds. New Testament Criticism & Interpretation. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1991. 585 pages.
- Childs, Brevard S. Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1992.
- Cotton, Roger D. "Leviticus: Commentary." In *The Old Testament Study Bible: Leviticus-Numbers; The Complete Biblical Library*, vol. 3, ed. Thoralf Gilbrant and Gregory A. Lindt. Springfield, MO: World Library Press, 1995.
- Dockery, David S., Kenneth A. Matthews, and Robert B. Sloan. Foundations for Biblical Interpretation: A Complete Library of Tools and Resources. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994. 593 pages.
- Fee, Gordon. Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1996.
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- Grudem, Wayne. Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994. (Recommended portion: pp. 634-656 Knowing God through the Spirit and pp. 1016-1090 The anointed minister)
- Guthrie, Donald. New Testament Theology. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1981. (pp. 21-74)
- Hasel, Gerhard F. New Testament Theology: Basic Issues in the Debate. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Company. 220 pages.
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- Hildebrandt, Wilf. An Old Testament Theology of the Spirit of God. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1995. 208 pages.
- Horton, Stanley. What the Bible Says About the Holy Spirit. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1977.
- Hubbard, Robert, Jr., Robert K. Johnston, and Robert P. Meye. Studies in Old Testament Theology. Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1992. (pp. 47-75; chapters 2-3)

- Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. Toward an Old Testament Theology. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1978. 269 pages.
- Keener, Craig S. 3 Crucial Questions About the Holy Spirit. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1996.
- Keener, Craig S. The Spirit in the Gospels. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1997.
- Ladd, George E. A Theology of the New Testament. Revised Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1993. (pp. 1-28; 684-719)
- Lim, David. Spiritual Gifts: A Fresh Look. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1991. 280 pages.
- Longnecker, Richard N. Patterns of Discipleship in the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1996.
- MacDonald, William. "Temple Theology." *Pneuma* 1:1 (1979):39-48.
- Morris, Leon. New Testament Theology. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. (pp. 9-18)
- Motyer, J. Alec. The Prophecy of Isaiah: Introduction & Commentary. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1981.
- Ollenburger, Ben C., Elmer A. Martens and Gerhard F. Hasel. The Flowering of Old Testament Theology. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1992. 502 pages.
- Palma, Anthony D. "Spiritual Gifts—Basic Considerations." *Pneuma* 1:2 (1979):3-26.
- Patte, Daniel. Discipleship According to the Sermon on the Mount. Valley Forge, Penn.: Trinity Press, 1996.
- Powell, Mark Allen. God with Us: A Pastoral Theology of Matthew's Gospel. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1995. (pp. 1-200)
- Ruthven, Jon. "Charismatic Theology and Biblical Emphases." *Evangelical Quarterly* 69:3 (1997):217-36.
- Schatzmann, Siegfried. A Pauline Theology of Charismata. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1987.

Smith, Ralph L. Old Testament Theology: Its History, Method and Message. Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1993. (pp. 13-93)

Strongstad, Roger. The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke. Downers Grove, IL: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1984 (Recommended portion: pp. 13-32 and 49-62, “The gift of the Spirit”).

Wehrli, Eugene S. Leadership Roles in the New Testament: Gifted By Their Spirit. Cleveland, OH: The Pilgrim Press, 1992. 107 pages.

Woodbridge, J. D. and T. McComiskey eds. Doing Theology in Today’s World. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1991. (Recommended portion: pp. 147-170 “On Method and Means in Theology” by Harold O.J. Brown; pp. 291-318 by Russell Spittler)

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Crabtree, Davida. The Empowering Church. Bethesda, MD: The Alban Institute, 1989.

George, Carl. Prepare Your Church for the Future. Old Tappan, NJ: Revell, 1991.

- George, Carl. The Coming Church Revolution. Old Tappan, NJ: Revell, 1994.
- Getz, Gene A. Sharpening the Focus of the Church. SB Publishings, 1984. (0-89693-398-8)
- Green, Michael. Evangelism Through the Local Church. Oliver-Nelson, 1992.
- Hull, Bill. The Disciple Making Church. Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1990.
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- Radmacher, Earl D. The Nature of the Church. Portland, OR: Western Baptist Press, 1972.
- Rainer, Thom. Effective Evangelistic Churches. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1996.
- Russell, Keith A. In Search of the Church: New Testament Images for Tomorrow's Churches. Bethesda, MD: The Alban Institute.

Snyder, Howard. Models of the Kingdom. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1991. 169 pages.

Stevens, R. Paul & Phil Colins. The Equipping Pastor.

Strobel, Lee. Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry and Mary.

Tillapaugh, Frank. Unleashing the Church. Regal, 1985.

Watson, David. I Believe in the Church. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1978.

Wilkes, C. Gene. Jesus on Leadership: Becoming a Servant Leader. Nashville, TN: Lifeway Press, 1996.

Wright, Timothy. A Community of Joy: How to Create Contemporary Worship.

Study Guide Questions to Guide Reading Selections

As you do your required readings, ask the following questions of your authors as they relate.

I. Hermeneutics:

1. What role does Scripture play in the formation of theology and in the life of the church?
2. What is role does the authors give to the interpreter of the biblical text? Who or what controls the meaning of the text?
3. Do the authors have a clearly articulated method of biblical interpretation?
4. Do the authors have an interpretive approach that is sensitive to the various concerns and perspectives of diverse literary genre and how they one would use such literature in the formation of theological truth.
5. Do the authors provide guidelines for deriving theological value from various genre within the Scripture and discuss the difficulties of such an enterprise from genres like narrative, wisdom literature, prophecy, etc.

II. Biblical Theology

1. How do the authors define theology?
2. Do the authors distinguish biblical and systematic theology in an intelligible and discernible way, or do they seem to indistinguishable.
3. Do the authors view the Scriptures as possessing organic theological unity/coherence? Do they articulate a difference between OT and NT theology beyond that of the difference in subject matter
4. How do the authors handle the question of diversity and unity in theological perspectives within the writings of Scripture?

III. Theology of Ministry

1. Do the authors work with a declared model of ministry?
2. Do the authors map out or articulate a clear philosophy of ministry?
3. Do the authors attempt to find theological underpinnings or justification for their models of philosophies of ministry?
4. Do the goals and purposes espoused for the Church reflect the scripturally derived redemptive purposes of the church or contemporary need and/or crisis?

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**Cohort 9, Core Course 2
Reading Report**

Name _____

Please verify the books from the assigned "Required Textbook List" which you have read in preparation for this course. (Where substitutions have been made, note accordingly. Total pages read should be approximately 1500.) *This form is to be turned in on the first day of the course.*

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Pages Read</i>
Kaiser, Walter C., Jr.	<u>Toward an Exegetical Theology</u>	_____
Klein, Blomberg, and Hubbard,	<u>Intro to Biblical Interp.</u>	_____
Fee, Gordon D.	<u>God's Empowering Presence</u>	_____
Greig and Springer, eds.	<u>The Kingdom and the Power</u>	_____
Stronstad, Roger.	<u>The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke.</u>	_____
Warren, Rick.	<u>The Purpose Driven Church.</u>	_____
White, James E.	<u>Rethinking the Church.</u>	_____
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