

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
Doctor of Ministry Core Course 2
PTH 902 Biblical Theology of Ministry
Cohort 13
January 31-February 4, 2005
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The study of selected biblical texts and themes to locate the theological foundations of ministry using classical Pentecostalism as a key vantage point. Investigation will be conducted from multiple perspectives, including exegesis and biblical theology, for the purpose of developing a personal and contextualized biblical theology of ministry.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The following outcomes will be realized in the context of a vigorous evaluation of scripture from a Pentecostal/charismatic perspective:

The participant will be able to:

1. Describe the key biblical themes that comprise a theology for ministry
2. Describe the biblical foundations for the pneumatic ordering of the church and the need for the continuing charismatic structure of the church.
3. Engage the process of formulating meaningful theological responses to scripture and mature theological reflection on ministry practice.
4. Demonstrate basic skills to discern the influential forces shaping the contemporary world in which the church must direct its ministry toward the future.
5. Design a personal and contextualized biblical theology of ministry.

COURSE OUTLINE

The purpose of this experience is to enable the participants to construct a personal, contextualized, and meaningful biblical theology of ministry. Such a theology would define past ministry in theological terms, provide important tools for reflection on current ministry, and empower future ministry by grounding it in the person of God and His Word.

Monday, January 31, 2005

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. “The Need for a Clarified Understanding of the Church”

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

8:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. Devotions

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. “Biblical Images of the Church”

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

8:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. Devotions

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. “Defining the Church and Its Mission: Pentecostal Vantage Points”

Thursday, February 3, 2005

8:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. Devotions

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Theological Reflection for Ministry"

Friday, February 4, 2005

8:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. Devotions

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Ministry as Charismatic Vocation

11:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Discussion on post-session project

COURSE REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

A. Pre-session (Raising the issues)

1. *Complete assigned reading*

Prior to coming to the course, participants must read each book from the textbook list (approximately 1700 pages). The purpose of the pre-session reading is to heighten the participant's awareness of the ways theology and ministry practice can inform each other. These books are meant to serve as course "content," as models of interpretation, and as sources for reflection. *[Participants must complete the attached reading report and submit it no later than the last day of the course. Completion of the reading is required to receive a passing grade.]*

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. *Write a 5-6-page critical reflection paper on the readings.*

Write a reflective paper describing how various aspects of the reading can help you to define what it means to have a fully Pentecostal, New Testament ministry. The paper should capture your overall response to the readings, highlighting 3-5 major concepts which had the greatest impact on your thinking. (The paper does not require a book-by-book discussion.)

B. Session (Wrestling with the issues)

1. Submit the *Reading Report* by the last day of class
2. Attend all class sessions, and take an active role in classroom interaction.
3. Turn in your Critical Reflection Paper by the last day of class.
4. Be prepared to provide a brief (3-5 minutes) oral summary of this paper in class.

C. Post-Session (Articulating a response to the issues)

Write a 20-25 page paper describing, defending, and applying your personal biblical theology of ministry. This paper will draw on the readings, class sessions, the faculty panel discussion, and your own experience, but is not limited to these resources. Participants may elect to include other resources and concepts as deemed appropriate. Conclusions must be derived from Scripture, and should demonstrate sound biblical exegesis and biblical theology. This paper is not a

theology of all of the church, or all of ministry. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for you to articulate a theology that supports *your* ministry.

All written work is to be formatted according to the *Turabian* style manual 6th edition, http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0226816273/qid=1025032200/sr=1-/ref=sr_1_1/103-8003118-1534215. Writing from previous academic work may not be recycled. The D. Min office can recommend a *Turabian* editor, as well as a writing coach.

Post-session project due date: May 4, 2005.

- A **hardcopy** of the post-session paper must be delivered to the D. Min Office postmarked no later than May 4, 2005.
- Please do not use email.
- All papers should include a cover sheet with title, course information, name, address, and email.

LATE WORK

Any participant may have a two-week extension simply by requesting it. After that, the maximum paper grade will decline by one letter grade for each week beyond the extended due date.

POST-SESSION PROJECT GRADING

1. *Cogency*
Are the major assertions clear, specific, adequately supported, and well organized? **20 points**
 2. *Creativity*
Do the major ideas represent original and insightful thinking? **20 points**
 3. *Depth*
Are the ideas in the paper important and substantial, being the product of high-quality reflective thinking with clear ministry application? **20 points**
 4. *Quality*
Is the writing clear, compelling, professional, and consistent with *Turabian* standard? **10 points**
- Total: 70 points**

COURSE GRADING

Expectations are high. An “A” is awarded for excellent work, a “B” for a good effort; a “C” is marginal, etc. Grading is a composite of points earned in each phase of the course:

Pre-Session Reading	20 points*	92+ points =	A
Session Involvement	10 points	82+ points =	B
Post-Session Project	70 points	72+ points =	C, etc.
Total	100 points		

**Completion of the reading is required to receive a passing grade.*

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK LIST

(Note: You can save on shipping costs by ordering all the texts from the aGts bookstore. Call Arlene Dilley at 1-800-467-aGts ext, 1055, or email her at adilley@agts.edu)

Anderson, Ray. *The Soul of Ministry: Forming Leaders for God's People*. Westminster John Knox, 1997. (280 pages)

Fee, Gordon D. *Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God*. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1996. (203 pages)

Glasser, Arthur. *Announcing The Kingdom: The Story of God's Mission in the Bible*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 2003. (400 pages)

Kirk, J. Andrew. *The Mission of Theology and Theology as Mission*. Valley Forge, Pennsylvania: Trinity Press International, 1997. (67 pages)

Roxburgh, Alan J. *The Missionary Congregation, Leadership, and Liminality*. Valley Forge, Pennsylvania: Trinity Press International, 1997. (69 pages)

Stronstad, Roger. *The Prophethood of all Believers: A Study in Luke's Charismatic Theology*. Sheffield, UK: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999. (224 pages)

_____. *The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke*. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1984. ((91 pages)

Van Gelder, Craig. *The Essence of the Church: A Community Created by the Spirit*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Books, 2000. (200 pages)

White, James Emery. *Rethinking the Church: A Challenge to Creative Redesign in an Age of Transition*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Books, 2003. (181 pages)

Substitute Readings

Anderson, Ray. *The Shape of Practical Theology: Empowering Ministry with Theological Praxis*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2001. (342 pages)

_____. *Ministry on the Fireline: A Practical Theology for an Empowered Church*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1993. (235 pages)

Chan, Simon. *Pentecostal Theology and the Christian Spiritual Tradition*. Sheffield, UK: Sheffield Academic Press, 2000. (120 pages)

Dunn, James. *The Theology of Paul the Apostle*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 1998. (165 pages)

- Ellis, E. Earle. *Pauline Theology: Ministry and Society*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989.
- Goldsworthy, Graeme. *Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000. (287 pages)
- Grudem, Wayne A., ed. *Are Miraculous Gifts for Today?: Four Views*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996. [especially Douglas A. Oss, "A Pentecostal/Charismatic View," 239-283.]
- Guder, Darrell L. *The Continuing Conversion of the Church*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000. (208 pages)
- Jacobsen, Douglas. *Thinking in the Spirit: Theologies of the Early Pentecostal Movement*. Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2003. (364 pages)
- Keener, Craig S. *Gift & Giver: The Holy Spirit for Today [expands on 3 Crucial Question]*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001.
- Poloma, Margaret M. *The Assemblies of God at the Crossroads: Charisma and Institutional Dilemmas*. Knoxville, Tennessee: The University of Tennessee Press, 1989. (289 pages)
- Schatzmann, Siegfried. *A Pauline Theology of Charismata*. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1987.
- Van Eagon, Charels. *Mission on the Way*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1996. (262 pages)

Online Bibliography

A bibliography for the course is available at <http://www.agts.edu/faculty/creps.html>. Look for the "Bibliographies" sub-folder within the "Resources" folder.

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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 1700.) *This form is to be turned in on the last day of the course.*

Author	Title	Pages read
Anderson	<i>The Soul of Ministry: Forming Leaders for God’s People</i>	_____
Fee	<i>Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God</i>	_____
Glasser	<i>Announcing The Kingdom: The Story of God’s Mission in the Bible.</i>	_____
Kirk	<i>The Mission of Theology and Theology as Mission</i>	_____
Roxburgh	<i>The Missionary Congregation, Leadership, and Liminality</i>	_____
Stronstad	<i>The Prophethood of all Believers: A Study in Luke’s Charismatic Theology.</i>	_____
Stronstad	<i>The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke</i>	_____
Van Gelder	<i>The Essence of the Church: A Community Created by the Spirit</i>	_____
White	<i>Rethinking the Church: A Challenge to Creative Redesign in an Age of Transition.</i>	_____
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Total number of pages read		_____

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