

# **Assemblies of God Theological Seminary**

Doctor of Ministry

PTH 902 *Biblical Theology and Ministry*

Core Course 2, Cohort 7, February 18-22, 2002

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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 and charismatic evaluation of Scripture:

### *Cognitive Outcomes*

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

### *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 manifest more profoundly a life and ministry commensurate with biblical principles.

### *Skill Outcomes*

1. The participant will develop or enhance interpretative skills that 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**

### **I. Monday**

- Introduction
- Doing biblical theology
- Elements and questions of a theology of ministry
- Ephesians: purpose and principles of healthy functioning of the church

## II. Tuesday

- Numbers: principles from Moses and Israel for fulfilling God's purpose as His people
- Judges, Ezekiel, and other selected prophetic passages: principles for fulfilling the prophetic role in ministry

## III. Wednesday

- Matthew: principles from Jesus for being God's people
- Luke/Acts: pictures of the church and her ministry
- John: the Johannine analysis of the church and her ministry

## IV. Thursday

- Principles from the early church for Spirit-empowered ministry: Acts, Romans 12-16, 1 Corinthians 5, 11-14; 1 Timothy
- Guest speaker: the perspectives of a pastor on practical issues and implementation of a biblical theology of ministry.

## V. Friday

- Guest speaker, continued
- Conclusion: principles from the shepherd metaphor, Ezekiel 34, John 10, 1 Peter 5:1-11

## **IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES**

### **A. Pre-Session**

#### 1. Complete assigned reading

Prior to coming to the course participants must complete the reading assignment list (approximately 1500 pages) and submit the attached reading report on the first day of class. The purpose of the pre-session reading is to heighten the participant's awareness of current ideas, principles, values and methods of interpretation and biblical theology, as well as enhance skills in this area. (Remember: this course intends to assist the participant to be a better exegete of Scripture, knowing how to synthesize the results, integrating them into a viable theology of ministry.) These books are meant to serve as models of, and stimulation toward, interpretation and application of Scripture.

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

#### 2. Engage in reflection on study guide questions

Included in this syllabus is a list of focused study guide questions the student should keep in mind as he or she reads (see below). 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 could 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. Review scripture texts in preparation for class discussion

In the “SESSION OUTLINE” portion of this syllabus, the student will find a number of biblical texts that will be highlighted in classroom discussion. The student should look up and review all biblical texts in order to have a basic familiarity with each. During the session, we will interact on each text hermeneutically, theologically, and practically, as we examine them in relation to the questions we are dealing with. These texts will be used to provide an opportunity to demonstrate points, field questions, and discuss a number of issues relevant to the objectives of the course. It is appropriate that Pentecostal methods, theology, and ministry are central to the approach taken throughout the course.

**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 30-35-page paper on the biblical foundations for developing a theology of ministry. This paper will include the following five foundational elements of a theology of ministry, but is not limited to these areas.

- The biblical purpose of the Church
- The biblical models for ministry
- The role of clergy in ministry
- The role of laity in ministry
- The role of the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts in ministry

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. Further instructions for doing the paper will be discussed in class.

The theology of ministry paper must be postmarked by **May 22, 2002**, and may be sent to the professor at the Seminary address: 1435 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 65802.

**Study Questions to Help You Focus For Your Theology of Ministry Paper**

Please keep the following questions in mind as you prepare the paper. They will assist you in focusing on key elements, pertinent to the writing project.

1. What are the “People of God” according to the Bible?
2. What is their purpose? How are they to fulfill their purpose?
3. Is there any prescribed biblical structure for the Church and revealed method for best fulfilling its purpose?

4. What roles should there be for, and relationships between, leaders and laity within the Church?
5. What are the biblical principles of leadership in the Church (attitudes, functions, requirements, relationship)?
6. What are the possible models for picturing the Church?
7. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church and ministry?
8. What is unchangeable and nonnegotiable about the Church and ministry according to the Bible; what needs to keep changing to meet people where they are?
9. Whom are we trying to reach?
10. How does what we do as a Church relate to visitors?
11. Why should people want to be a part of our Church?
12. Is your current ministry model the most effective way to fulfill the purpose of the Church?
13. In what ways could your church or ministry be more biblical?

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK LIST**

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

#### ***Interpretive Skills Reading List***

Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. Toward an Exegetical Theology. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1981. (pp. 69-210; 235-248 -- moving from exegesis to theology in the pulpit)

Klein, William W., Craig L. Blomberg, and Robert L. Hubbard, Jr. Introduction to Biblical Interpretation. Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1993.

#### ***Biblical Theology Skills Reading List***

Fee, Gordon D. God's Empowering Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Letters of Paul. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1994. (Preface and Introduction pp. 1-13, 24-36; Selections from 1 Corinthians 12, 14, Romans 12, Ephesians; Chapters 15 and 16, and Appendix.)

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).

#### ***Theology of Ministry Reading List***

Warren, Rick. The Purpose Driven Church. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1995.

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

Laurie, Greg. The Upside Down Church. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1999.

### **Study Questions to Help You Focus Your Reading**

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

#### **A. 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 author 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.?

#### **B. Biblical Theology**

1. How do the authors define theology?
2. Do the authors distinguish biblical and systematic theology in an intelligible and discernible way?
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?

#### **C. 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 redemptive purposes of the church derived from Scripture or from contemporary need and/or crisis?

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Reading Report

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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, Gary S. and Kevin Springer,	<u>The Kingdom . . .</u>	_____
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