

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

MCS/MHT 642: Contextualized Theology

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Contextualized Theology is communicating the Truth and mission of the God in the Old and New Testaments to a globalized world. Less and less is *Contextualized Theology* about specific places, but rather peoples with their respective faiths and unique languages and cultures regardless of where they reside. However, people do not live in a vacuum. Each people have a background of theology, culture and history.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, the student should be able to contextualize ministry by:

- Theologically reflecting on Scriptures about the mission of God to all peoples.
- Analyzing people in their cultural/social context.
- Understanding how historical perspective shapes how a people.
- Strategically formulating a contextualized theology and mission from above objectives.

REQUIEREDTEXTBOOKS

- Anderson, Ray S. An Emergent Theology for Emerging Churches. Downers Grove, IL: NP, 2006.
- Anyabwile, Thabiti M. The Decline of African American Theology: From Biblical Faith to Cultural Captivity. Downers Grove, IL.: IVP, 2007.
- Bakke, Ray and Jon Sharpe. Street Signs: A New Direction in Libran Ministry. Birmingham, Alabama: New Hope Publishers, 2006.
- Beyans, Stephen B. and Roger P. Schroeder. Constants in Contexts: A Theology of Mission for Today. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2004.
- Fleming, Dean. Contextualization in the New Testament: Patterns for Theology and Mission. Downers Grove, IL, 2005.
- Hausfeld, Mark A. Islam in America: Understanding and Engaging: Diaspora Muslims through the Local Church. Springfield, Missouri: J. Phillip Hogan World Missions Series Monograph Vol.

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, 2008.

BASIC OUTLINE (subject to change)

Introduction

The Mission of God and Systemic Globalization of Peoples Defining Contextualized Theology via the "Missional Helix" Theological Reflection

Cultural Analysis

Historical Perspective

Strategic Formation

METHODOLOGY

Lectures

Class Discussion Community Exegesis Media

Book Reviews Research Project

COURSE REQUIRMENTS

1. Read all textbooks and write a 3 page reflection paper on Fleming due September 6; on Bakke/Sharp and Anyabwile due October 4; on Anderson and Bevans/Schroeder due on November 15.
2. Faithful attendance to all classes required by the *Student Handbook* of the seminary.
3. Successful completion of a research project that is the implementation of the "Missional Helix." The student will construct a reflective contextualized theology and strategic plan of action for mission in real time and place. The research project is to be 20 pages with footnotes. This research project is due no later than December 14, 2009.
4. All book reviews and the research project are to be submitted electronically; double spaced; font 12 Roman.

GRADING PROCEDURE

1. Class attendance and participation: 15%
2. Book Reviews: 25%
3. Research Project 60%

SELECTED Bibliography

The Selected Bibliography will be distributed in first class session.

SPECIFIC DATA

Revised by Mark Hausfeld, June 30, 2009.