

BECOMING A MISSIONAL CHURCH
RTS Orlando D.Min. Elective 2DM857
Ed Stetzer
July 9-13, 2007

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Transformational ministries in today's rapidly changing culture require churches that are "missional" from a biblical, theological, and cultural perspective. This course will help you better understand the cultural context in which you serve and teach you how to apply biblically faithful and culturally relevant missiological strategies to your ministry. Special attention will be given to North American cultural shifts, the missional/sending nature of the church, effective communication in various cultural contexts, and emerging ministry patterns in North America.

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

Ed Stetzer has planted churches in New York, Pennsylvania, and Georgia and transitioned declining churches in Indiana and Georgia. He has trained pastors and church planters on five continents, holds two masters degrees and two doctorates, and has written dozens of articles and books. Ed served for three years as a seminary professor at the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky and has taught at fifteen other seminaries. He serves as the Missiologist and Research Team Director at the North American Mission Board in Alpharetta, GA and co-pastor of Lake Ridge Church in suburban Atlanta. He is married to Donna and they have three daughters.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

The integration paper is to include specific ways in which you plan to change your ministry in light of class readings and discussion. You may choose to be broad or specific. You should interact with as many reading assignments, lectures, and discussions as possible. This 15-20 page paper should be mailed to the D.Min. office by the last working day of October. The title page should include the course title and date of class, professor's name, and your name and contact information.

COURSE READING

Each student should read 2000 pages of new reading and write a one-page standard book report on each book or article over 50 pages in length. The book reports are due on the first day of class, July 9, 2007. Please follow attached reading report format.

Required: (If not previously read)

Flemming, Dean. *Contextualization in the New Testament: Patterns for Theology and Mission*. Intersity Press, 2005. 344 pp. ISBN: 0830828311.

Hirsch, Alan. *The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating the Missional Church*. Brazon Press, 2007. 304 pp. ISBN 10158743

Keller, Tim. "The Missional Church." Article on line:
<http://www.redeemer2.com/resources/papers/missional.pdf>

Lewis, Robert. *The Church of Irresistible Influence*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003. 224 pp. ISBN 0310250153

McNeal, Reggie. *Practicing Greatness: 7 Disciplines of Extraordinary Spiritual Leaders*. Jossey Bass, 2006. 192 pp. ISBN 0787977535

Piper, John, *Brothers, We Are NOT Professionals*. Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2002. 150 pp. ISBN 0805426205

Rainer, Thom S., Eric Geiger. *Simple Church: Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples*. Broadman and Holman, 2006. 272 pp. ISBN 0805443908

Stetzer, Ed and David Putman. *Breaking the Missional Code*. Broadman and Holman, 2006. 250 pp. ISBN 0805445362

Stetzer, Ed and Mike Dodson. *Comeback Churches: How 300 Churches Turned Around and Yours Can Too*. Broadman and Holman, 2006. 224 pp. ISBN 0805

Towns, Elmer, Ed Stetzer, and Warren Bird. *11 Innovations in the Local Church: How Today's Leaders Can Learn, Discern and Move into the Future*. Regal Books, 2007. 256 pp. ISBN 0830797863

Recommended Reading: (In the event that you have not reached your 2000-page new reading quota, and/or for additional study)

Alan J. Roxburgh and Fred Romanuk, *The Missional Leader: Equipping Your Church to Reach a Changing World*. Jossey-Bass (Leadership Network Series), 2006. 206 pages.

Barna, George. *Revolution*. Ventura, CA: Tyndale, 2005.

Hunter, George G., III. *Radical Outreach: Recovery of Apostolic Ministry and Evangelism*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003. 226 pp. ISBN 068707441

McIntosh, Gary, ed., *Evaluating the Church Growth Movement: Five Views*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004.

Rainer, Thom. *Breakout Churches: Discover How To Make The Leap*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.

Towns, Elmer and Ed Stetzer, *Perimeters of Light: Biblical Boundaries for the Emerging Church*, Moody, 2004. (201 pages)

Timothy J. Keller. *Ministries of Mercy: The Call of the Jericho Road*. P&R. 2nd Ed. 1980, 1997. 233 pages.

Please limit your report to one single-spaced page. Write approximately one paragraph per topic (Overview, Critique, & Application). Reports are due on the first day of class.

Name
Course Title & Number
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Date

Title of Book
Complete Bibliographic Reference

Overview—Give a brief overview of the book, including its theme, perspective and approach.

Critique—Offer a brief critique of the book, including elements of strength and weakness.

Application—Offer some specific application to your own ministry—demonstrating the value and relevance of the material in this book.

Best Quote—Be sure to include the page number where the quote can be found.

READING REPORT SUMMARY GUIDE

Your Name

Date

Course Title & Number

Professor

Author

Title

Pages

Total Pages Read _____

Signed _____

Date _____