

Mission: This course will train students to be thoughtful and passionate evangelists and to understand and use biblical principles and methods of church outreach. Emphasis is placed on having a deep desire to reach the lost for Christ. Personal, relational and corporate (organic) evangelism and motivating the laity for missional work of the church will be considered.

### Assignments

1. Read and react to “Just Walk Across the Room” by Bill Hybels. The book is available through Cokesbury and shares a compelling plan to evangelize in the local church. Read the book and write a **two(2)** page (See notes below) reflection paper. The paper should demonstrate that you have read the book and focus on your pastoral and personal response to “3-D Living” and other topics in the book.

**The paper is due to the instructor by midnight June 28, 2021.** You may submit the paper either by mail or through email. The paper should be in Word format (MLA), double-spaced, with proper attention to grammar and spelling.

2. Read the book “Master Plan of Evangelism” by Robert Coleman. Read before the **August 1, 2021** in preparation for **an online pop quiz** on his book the morning of August 4, 2021.

3. Read the book “Go! How to Become A Great Commission Church” by Mark R. Teasdale by July 28, 2021. The material in this book should be reflected in your final paper due by the midnight August 4, 2021.

4. Write your personal testimony, using the model outlined by Hybels, in 100-250 words **This testimony is due by midnight July 28, 2021.** You will receive extra credit if you are willing to share a video upload of your testimony by July 28, 2021.

5. Obtain a demographic report for your church setting through [www.missioninsite.com](http://www.missioninsite.com). If you are from the Illinois Great Rivers Conference, go to [www.igrc.org/demographics](http://www.igrc.org/demographics) to find how to register for a free account with MissionInsite. (If you are from another conference, you should contact your Conference Office to find out how you can obtain access to an account or to demographic information).

Also, at [www.igrc.org/demographics](http://www.igrc.org/demographics) you will find a PDF with step-by-step instruction as to how you can generate a demographic report for your community.

6. Write a 2-3 page demographic paper showing that you have some understanding of how your church demographics compare to the community you serve, sharing information about under or unserved populations in your community that your church

may reach out to, and showing that you have a basic understanding of the history and socio-economics of the communities(s) you serve that may affect their **missional work**.

**This paper is due, by email, to the instructor by midnight July 28, 2021.** The paper should be in Word format(MLA), double-spaced, with proper attention to grammar and spelling.

7. Write a 2-3-page prospectus paper on how you plan to engage in evangelism in assigned area through your local church setting. The proposal will react to instruction in class, required readings, engagement with the demographics study and the practical nature of your church setting. **The paper is due, by email, to the instructor by August 4, 2021.**

**The paper is focused on your proposed outreach in reaching 1,000 people in your faith area.**

8. Choose from any of the books listed and read at least 100 total pages. Multiple texts may be read. **Please submit your reading list to the instructor by August 2, 2021.** This list should include a list of the book(s) and pages that you have read. I would suggest visiting your local library or other pastor/ministers ahead of time to see if you can borrow a specific book.

**NO XCEPTIONS**

**DO NOT PURCHASE ALL THESE BOOKS LISTED BELOW.**

**READING BOOK LIST:**

1. Aldrich, Joe. *Lifestyle Evangelism*, 1981, Multnomah Press, 205 pp.

The classic text on the importance and methodology of relational evangelism.

2. Barrs, Jerram. *The Heart of Evangelism*, 1999, Presbyterian and Reformed, 220 pp.

A philosophy of relational evangelism from a Reformed perspective.

3. Bechtel, Mike. *Evangelism for the Rest of Us*, 2006, Baker Books, 153 pp.

An analysis of how one's personality affects his or her style of evangelism.

4. Beeke, Joel R. *Puritan Evangelism, A Biblical Approach*, 1999, Reformation Heritage Books, 52 pp.

A brief look at the methods, message and principles of Puritan evangelism.

5. Bonar, Horatius. *Words to Winners of Souls*, 1979, Baker, 76 pp.

A classic work, soul searching in nature, and lending itself to passion for and courage in reaching others with the gospel.

6. Carswell, Roger. *And Some Evangelists*, 2000, Christian Focus Publications, 192 pp.

A look at various evangelists throughout church history and how they might affect evangelism in the church today.

7. Comfort, Ray. *The Way of the Master*, 2006, Bridge-Logo, 375 pp.

A serious call to a serious Gospel which focuses on the use of the Law in relating the Gospel message.

8. Green, Michael. *Evangelism in the Early Church*, 1970, Eerdmans, 474 pp.

An insightful analysis of how the early church, in the book of Acts, did evangelism.

9. Greenway, Roger S. *The Pastor Evangelist*, 1987, P&R Publishing, 200 pp.

A variety of perspectives regarding pastoral leadership in evangelism with a focus on doing evangelism through the local church. Written by various authors and pastors in the Reformed tradition.

10. Hunter George G., III. *The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West...Again*, Abingdon Press, 2000.

An alternative approach to modern styles of evangelism based on historical precedent and practices from the Celtic era.

11. Hybels, Bill and Mittelberg, Mark. *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, 1994, Zondervan, 205 pp.

Written from a non-Reformed perspective, this book, nevertheless, is helpful in thinking through relational evangelism and includes lots of ideas.

12. Kennedy, D. James. *Evangelism Explosion*, 1970, Tyndale (Fourth Edition).

An introduction to a method of programmatic church "follow-up" evangelism, which is probably the most effective approach of its type.

13. Larsen, David L. *The Evangelism Mandate*. 1992, Crossway Books, 174 pp.

Although he takes a middle-of-the-road perspective theologically, Larsen wrestles with some great issues regarding evangelistic preaching and also provides some insight into the history of evangelism.

14. Miller, C. *John Outgrowing the Ingrown Church*. 1986, Zondervan, 176 pp.

A well beloved book which provides helpful thoughts and motivation for moving a church out of an ingrown mentality.

**15. Morgan, Tony The Unstuck Church. 2017, Harper Collins Publishers, 205 pp.**

This book is being used for our all conference initiative to revive or spur new ways to reach new people within our conference.

16. Newman, Randy. Questioning Evangelism. 2004, Kregel Publications, 262 pp.

A book on evangelism which bases its methodology upon the art of asking questions over simply giving answers to inquirers.

17. Peterson, Robert A. Hell on Trial. 1995, P&R Publishing, 242 pp.

A thorough treatment of the subject of hell, discussing and defending the reality of eternal punishment.

18. Phillips, Tom and Norsworthy, Bob. The World at Your Door. International Students, Incorporated, 220 pp.

This book provides helpful, practical advice for initiating and building relationships with international students, and also about sharing your faith with these willing and eager audiences.

19. Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. The Soul Winner. 1963, Eerdmans, 319 pp.

A classic treatment of evangelism by a passionate winner of souls.

20. Webber, Robert E. Ancient-Future Evangelism. 2003, Baker Books, 167 pp.

A history of evangelism which attempts to apply the topic to the postmodern world today; the author challenges a number of traditions and is non-Reformed in his views.

21. Wells, David F. The Courage To Be Protestant. 2008, Eerdmans, 248 pp.

A treatment of the flawed Christian beliefs which have occurred due to evangelicalism's capitulation to postmodernism.