



Knapp Seymour University Spring 2019

Introduction to Biblical Missions

Syllabus (syllabi)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides a missionary reading of the Old and New Testament to highlight the Jesus-centered theme of God's mission in the Holiness-Pentecostal movement and to develop a biblical theology of mission that emphasizes the proclamation of the whole gospel to the whole world. The course includes analysis of classic and current Biblical issues in mission from a theological perspective.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Through this course students will be able to: (1) Describe the difference between using the Bible as a basis for mission and understanding the Bible in light of God's mission. (2) Articulate the Pentecostal theology of missions. (3) Describe guidelines for incarnating and contextualizing the gospel in missions. (3) Describe various issues in cross-cultural missions and analyze them in light of biblical and theological perspectives.

TEXTBOOKS:

Walter C Kaiser Jr., *Mission in the Old Testament: Israel as a Light to the Nations* (Baker, 2012).

William J. Jr. Larkin andJoelF. Williams, *Mission in the New Testament*, Korean Trans. By Paul Yongpyo Hong (Zondervan, 1998, Jireh Press in Korean Version, 2000)

GRADING (see Catalog) & ASSIGNMENT--TERM PAPER (PP. 10-15):

Chose a current issue in mission, such as: relating to other religions, church planting strategies, methods of evangelism, evangelism and truth in a postmodern setting, short term missions, partnership with churches and Christians in other regions, tent-making, business as mission, money and mission, spiritual salvation as priority vs. holistic gospel, etc.

COURSE SCHEDULE: (See Separate Sheets 2/1-5-1, 2019)

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8

Week 9

Week 10

Week 11

Week 12

Week 13

Week 14

4/25/19 Lecture by Tom Bloomfield

I. The Call = The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)

A. Do you truly understand the Call or Commission?

1. "The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed" Hudson Taylor
2. "We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure in which we have received it" P.F. Bresee
3. "If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honor, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?" David Livingstone
4. "Sympathy is no substitute for action." David Livingstone
5. "If God calls you to be a missionary, don't stoop to be a king" Jordan Grooms
6. "If you found a cure for cancer, wouldn't it be inconceivable to hide it from the rest of mankind? How much more inconceivable to keep silent the cure from the eternal wages of death." Dave Davidson
7. "I thought it reasonable that I should seek the work where the work was the most abundant and the workers fewest." Scottish missionary James Gilmour on why he went to Mongolia

B. The Commission is not just a New Testament commandment

1. There are over 120 Old Testament scriptures that speak to All Nations believing in the one true God of Israel.
2. There are over 80 New Testament scriptures that call believers to take the Gospel to all nations.

II. The Purpose

A. Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the TRUE Purpose

1. Must start your ministry at home Acts 1:8

2. Paul went to Jews first in every town he visited and then to Gentiles. We are to always remember that the first to receive the Gospel are God's Chosen people, Israel Acts 13:46
3. Jesus gives the Gospel to as many as would receive it. John 1:10-13

III. Modern Missiological Techniques

- A. Several different methods or models may be used establish missionary works in today's society.
1. Long term Pioneer Missionaries
 - a. Those who take up permanent residence in a place with the sole purpose of being a missionary to that area and that is their main work.
 2. Non-Resident Missionary
 - a. One who works with people from another country in his own country to teach them of the Gospel while they reside in his country.
 - b. This type has a call to Missions for a country but cannot travel to that country for whatever reason and helps those of that nationality that reside in his own country.
 3. Asynchronous Resident Missionary
 - a. One who is unable to stay in a country for an extended period for Visa or other limitations but travels there often and for extended periods of time to establish a Missionary work.
 4. Short Term Missionary
 - a. This category is defined as one who spends anywhere from a few weeks up to 3 years in a specific place as a Missionary. Although 3 years may seem like a long-term mission, it is still considered short term because the long-term Missionary is there to establish more of a life career mission.
 5. Tent Maker Missionary
 - a. This is a Missionary who works in the Ministry of Missions while maintaining a secular job as well. This is mostly done to support their families and possibly the Mission work itself.

IV. PFGF Missiological Technique

A. Pentecostal Full Gospel Fellowship, (PFGF), of Riverside, CA has adopted another form of Missions outreach establishing the Pentecostal Full Gospel School of Ministry, (PFGSM) in 1993.

B. This model or technique is unique to most in that we do not send Missionaries to other countries.

C. In this model we have established a school in the Philippines to train men and women who have a call of God on their life to preach the Gospel. Then they take the Message of the Gospel to their own people and begin their ministries. Some of them pioneer new works and some assist in existing works, while other are now evangelizing in other parts of the world.

D. Benefits of this model:

- a. Cost effectiveness
- b. No language barrier
- c. No culture separation
- d. Greater understanding of the TRUE needs of the people
- e. More immediate acceptance of the Minister

V. Conclusion

A. No matter what method is employed, the goal is still the same Preach the Gospel to all nations!

WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?