

BIBLICAL PRAXIS OF MISSION

Course Syllabus

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I. COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course focuses on the function of the Church in this age as a “witness” and its form as a “house of prayer”, translating theory into practice in light of our destiny in the coming Kingdom.

II. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Reading and Class Participation

1. Required Reading:

- a) Brother Yun and Paul Hattaway, *The Heavenly Man: The Remarkable True Story of Chinese Christian Brother Yun* (Monarch Books, 2002).
- b) Vincent J. Donovan, *Christianity Rediscovered*, 25th Anv. Ed. (Orbis Books, 2003).

2. Recommended Reading:

- a) Roland Allen, *Missionary Methods: St Paul's or Ours* (R. Scott, 1912).
- b) Roland Allen, *The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church: And the Causes That Hinder It* (World Dominion Press, 1927).
- c) Neil Cole, *Organic Church: Growing Faith Where Life Happens* (Jossey-Bass, 2005).
- d) Wolfgang Simson, *Houses that Change the World* (Waynesboro: Authentic, 2001).
- e) George G. Hunter III, *The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West... Again* (Abingdon Press, 2000).
- f) Bruce Olson, *Bruchko: The Astonishing True Story of a 19-Year-Old American, His Capture by the Motilone Indians and His Adventures in Christianizing the Stone Age Tribe*, Updated Ed. (Charisma House, 2006).

B. Writing Assignments

1. Evangelism Reflections – Submit a weekly one-page reflection paper on your experience of sharing the gospel with an unbeliever. How did the Holy Spirit work, what strongholds did you encounter, etc.?
2. Reading Report – During the semester read Donovan's *Christianity Rediscovered*. Submit a 3-4 page (typed, double-spaced) report on your reading, briefly summarizing the text's major arguments, your critical analysis of them, and your personal insights into mission that you have gained from your reading (Due 3.18.10).
3. Final Project – In light of Hattaway's, *The Heavenly Man*, write a 8-10 page “survival handbook” for a new believer in an anti-Christian environment. This should be done with the same pastoral heart as the New Testament epistles, addressing the primary points of the gospel and the necessary applications for faithful endurance to the Day of Christ (Due 4.30.10).

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