



Missional Ministry: Local and Global

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Class Time: Friday 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm; Saturday 8:30 am- 4:30 pm

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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Serving God is a spectacular pleasure...and an awesome responsibility! During our seminar we will consider God's plans and purposes for his Church and how the Church is central to the unfolding work of God. We will consider how our service for God needs to align with God's priorities, thereby being truly "missional" in all that we do. We will consider the model of Jesus "moving into the neighbourhood", demonstrating and proclaiming the good news. We will consider the Antioch church as a model of maintaining a dynamic focus on both God's work locally as well as globally. Finally, each participant will incorporate the content of the seminar and reading into their present and future ministry.

2. COURSE OBJECTIVES

- to discover and practice the John 1:14 model of ministry, "moving into the neighbourhood."
- Consider the purposes and plans of God for His Church and to align our service so that we are truly "missional".
- to cultivate both the divine and human sides of ministry.
- To integrate biblical reflection into our praxis.
- To meet and hear reflective practitioners who are seeking to be missional in their ministry in Southern Ontario.

3. REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

HUNTER III, George G.

2000 The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity can reach the west...again.
(Nashville: Abingdon Press).

MCMANUS, ERWIN RAPHAEL

2001 *An Unstoppable Force: Daring to become the church God had in mind.*
(Orange, CA: Yates & Yates, LLP, Literary agents).

SEAMANDS, Stephen

2005 *Ministry in the Image of God- The Trinitarian Shape of Christian Service.*
(Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books).

4. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- i. **PRE-COURSE READING:** Please read The Celtic Way of Evangelism and Ministry in the Image of God . We will be devoting some seminar time to discuss these books. Please make brief notes on the insights on evangelism your gleaned from the first book and your insights on what it means to serve the Triune God from the second book. (No more than **1 page per book**- just your main takeaways from the reading.
- ii. **PRE-COURSE STUDY:** Use a concordance and look at the references to the word “church” in the New Testament (there are 79 in the NIV). State briefly what you learn about the nature and purpose of the Church from these verses and summarize what you have learned into **1 page**. Perhaps you could incorporate this study into your personal Bible reading/prayer time during the coming weeks.
- iii. **CLASS ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:** Given the brevity of this course, attendance at all class sessions is mandatory. The class time is structured to promote interaction so come prepared to participate.
- iv. **POST-COURSE READING:** Read McManus’ book “the Unstoppable Force” and write a **one page paper** on your reaction to the content of the book. This assignment is due **NOV. 1st, 2009**
- v. **POST-COURSE REFLECTION PAPER-** Using what you have learned from both the class and your own reading and study, you will write a 2500 word essay on how your service for God will be “Missional Ministry: Local and Global”. We will discuss more details in class. This assignment is due **DEC. 15, 2009**

5. COURSE GRADE

a) Pre class reading	30 %
b) Pre-class study of the “church”	10%
c) Class participation	10%
d) Post-course reading	10%
e) Post-course reflection paper	30%

6. IMPORTANT NOTES

- i. **FORMAT OF PAPERS:** All papers need to be double-spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman. Number each page. Indicate word count as well on the title page.
- ii. **CELL PHONES: Please shut them off in class ☺**