

ME5140 MISSION OF THE URBAN CHURCH
Three (3) hours, Weekends (Fri 6:30-9:30pm, Sat 8:30am-4:30pm)
Spring, Jan 19-20, Feb 16-17, Mar 16-17, Apr 13-14, 2018
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Course Description

This is a practical study in the area of urban ministry and is designed to offer an understanding of the theology and philosophy of urban ministry through personal study, selected readings and interviews with those involved in urban ministry sites.

Required Textbooks

- Conn, Harvie M. et. Al. 2002. The Urban Face of Mission: Ministering the Gospel in a Diverse and Changing World. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing. ISBN 0-87552-401-X
- Bakke, Ray. 1997. A Theology as Big as the City. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press. ISBN 0-8308-1890-1
- Bakke, Ray and John Sharpe. 2006. Street Signs: A New Direction in Urban Ministry. Birmingham, AL: New Hope Publishers. ISBN 1-59669-004-6
- Pollard, Nick. 1997. Evangelism Made Slightly Less Difficult: How to Interest People Who Aren't Interested. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press. ISBN 0-8308-1908-8

Highly Recommended Books

- Carson, D. A. 2005. Becoming Conversant with the Emerging Church. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. ISBN 0-310-25947-9
- Carson, D. A. and Timothy J. Keller. 2012. The Gospel as Center: Renewing Our Faith and Reforming Our Ministry Practices. Wheaton, IL: Crossway. ISBN 978-1-433-51561-3
- Conn, Harvie M. 1994. The American City and the Evangelical Church: A Historical Overview. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House. ISBN 0-8010-2590-7 (Out of Print, but used copies are available on the internet.)
- Conn, Harvie M. 1997. Planting and Growing Urban Churches: From Dream to Reality. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House. ISBN 0-8010-2109-X
- Conn, Harvie M. 1982. Evangelism: Doing Justice and Preaching Grace. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. ISBN 0-310-45311-9

- Conn, Harvie M. and Manuel Ortiz. 2001. Urban Ministry: The Kingdom, the City, and the People of God. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press. ISBN 0-8308-1573-2
- Copan, Paul. 2001. That's Just Your Interpretation: Responding to Skeptics Who Challenge Your Faith. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books. 198p. ISBN 0-8010-6383-3
- Fuder, John. 1999. A Heart for the City: Effective Ministries to the Urban Community. Chicago: Moody Press. ISBN 0-8024-9089-1
- Gench, Roger J. 2014. Theologian in the Trenches: Reflections on Urban Ministry. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press. ISBN 978-0-664-23968-8
- Gilley, Gary. 2005. This Little Church Went to Market: Is the Modern Church Reaching Out or Selling Out? Webster, NY: Evangelical Press. ISBN 0-85234-596-8
- Gilley, Gary. 2006. This Little Church Stayed Home: A Faithful Church in Deceptive Times. Webster, NY: Evangelical Press. ISBN 0-85234-603-4
- Gordon, Wayne and John M Perkins. 2013. Making Neighborhoods Whole: A Handbook for Christian Community Development. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press. ISBN 978-0-830-83756-4
- Gornik, Mark R. and Maria Liu Wong. 2017. Stay in the City: How Christian Faith Is Flourishing in an Urban World. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm B. Eerdmans. ISBN 978-0-802-87404-7
- Keller, Timothy. 2012. Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. ISBN 978-0-310-49418-8
- Keller, Timothy, et al. 2016. Loving the City: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City (Center Church). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. ISBN 978-0-310-51408-4
- Linthicum, Robert C. 1991. City of God, City of Satan: A Biblical Theology of the Urban Church. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. ISBN 0-310-53141-1
- Packer, J. I. 1961. Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press. ISBN 0-8308-1339-X
- Peters, Ronald E. 2007. Urban Ministry: An Introduction. Nashville: Abingdon Press. ISBN 978-0-687-64225-0

Sire, James W. 2006. Why Good Arguments Often Fail: Making a More Persuasive Case for Christ. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press. ISBN 0-8308-3381-1

Sokol, Donna Claycomb and L, Roger Owens, 2017. A New Day in the City: Urban Church Revival. Nashville: Abingdon Press. ISBN 978-1-501-81888-2

Stott, John R. W. 1967. Our Guilty Silence. Chicago, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Course Objectives

To develop the student's ability to minister effectively in an urban environment, this course will:

- Expose the student to various urban ministry models and philosophies of urban ministry through on-site observation and interviews.
- Expand the student's thinking on urban ministry through interaction with writings on urban ministry.
- Enlighten the student's direction and perspective on urban ministry through the formulation and writing of a person philosophy of urban ministry.
- Provide experience through assigned practical tasks.

Course Requirements

Two reports are due drawn from two different styles of urban ministry. This is to include both first-hand observation of each site and interview(s) with the professional staff. Each report should be 3-5 pages and include an evaluation of each site. First report is due Feb 16th. Second Report is due Mar 16th. (30 pts each = 60 pts)

Theology of Urban Ministry Paper

This paper, 5-7 pages of text, should include the basics of a theology of urban ministry. Appropriate documentation from Scripture, textbooks and other reading must be included. Due Apr 13th. (50 pts)

The four textbooks are to be completely read. Each will be discussed (in whole or in part) in class. Bakke's book is to be read BEFORE coming to class on Jan 19th. Be ready to interact with each book in class, giving what was and was not helpful in the book. Were there any Biblical or theological views that were enlightening or disturbing? Documentation of reading is due Apr 13th. (25 pts each = 100 pts)

Come to class on Jan 19th, Feb 16th, Mar 16th, and Apr 13th with at least six(6) important urban ministry websites. Each following assignment may not use previously submitted websites. Work independently on this assignment so that we may assemble a good working list for urban ministry research. A summary list will be available for all students at the end of the course.
(6 items X 4 weeks X 2 pts = 48 pts)

Design an urban ministry program. Ideally, this should be accomplished in relation to an urban ministry site in which you are already involved. However, if that is not possible, meet with the instructor before proceeding. The program you develop should reflect what you observe during your site visitations, what you learn during lectures and discussion, and your own philosophy of urban ministry. The application can be church-based or parachurch, and you must show justification for your choice of design. Be as detailed as possible! Due Apr 27th. (100 pts)

This course will be taught in a seminar fashion. It is expected that each student will be present, adequately prepared as per the assignments, and will interact in class discussions and simulations. This is extremely important! Absences and tardiness will reduce your course grade. (72 pts)

Note on Written Papers

All papers are to be typewritten, double-spaced, with standard fonts and margins. If you have any questions regarding format refer to Trinity's guidelines for written assignments (e.g. APA). Do NOT put papers in binders or folders. Stapling in the upper left corner will be sufficient. A cover sheet may be added and should include the student's name, title of assignment, and dated submitted to the instructor. Late papers are not encouraged, and will be subject to a 10% reduction in grade for each day it is late. All materials should be submitted by email as MS Word attachments only! Email: ResearchinUrbanMinistry@hotmail.com

An extra credit report on John Grisham's Street Lawyer may be submitted. Due Apr 27th. (20 points maximum)

TEDS Attendance Policy

"Students are required to attend each and every session throughout the entire course period. Due to the nature of Extension classes, attendance at all sessions is especially important with weekend courses. Missing even an hour of a weekend class means a significant portion of the required contact with the instructor and learning community has been lost. For this reason, students missing any portion (hours) of an Extension course can result in a grade reduction; missing more than one weekend class session will result in a grade reduction and possibly failing the course.

In the case of extreme emergency or unforeseen circumstances (family emergencies, death, etc.) the student should contact the instructor and secure the necessary permission to miss time in a class and make up the missed class time and assignments. Vacations, ministry responsibilities and travel plans are not considered emergencies and such requests will be denied. As the schedule for the Extension courses is set ahead of time, students should plan ahead to be sure they will be able to make it to all class sessions before they register. If the emergency necessitates a long absence the student should contact the Dean of Students to request an extension of time, or in rare instances a withdrawal from the class without penalty."

Grading

A total of 430 points can be earned in completing this class.

Two site visits (observation, interview, report)	30 X 2 =	60
Submission of 25 urban internet sites	24 X 2 =	48
Four textbooks read with interaction reports	25 X 4 =	100
Theology of Mission Paper	30 =	50

Philosophy of urban ministry design	50	= 100
Attendance and participation in each session	30	= 72
		430

Grading scale is:

	100.00	430
A	95.00	408
A-	90.00	387
B+	87.00	374
B	83.00	357
B-	80.00	344
C+	77.00	331
C	72.00	309
C-	69.00	297
D	65.00	280
F		

Course Overview

Jan 19-20	World's Largest Cities Urban History Urban Theology Biblical Basis of Evangelism
Feb 16-17	Relation of Sociology to Theology Intro to Sociological Frameworks Seeing Opportunities for Urban Ministry
Mar 16-17	Historical View of Methods Signs of the Kingdom Methodological Approaches Models of Urban Ministry
Apr 16-17	Urban Evangelism Dealing with Worldviews Urban Leadership Final Comments Snow Day (If needed, the following week-end)
Apr 27	All outstanding assignments are due.

NAME _____ READING/FINAL REPORT

How much of each of the reading assignments from each of the following books did you actually read (100 pts)?

_____ % 1. Conn, Harvie M. et. Al. 2002. The Urban Face of Mission:

_____ % 2. Bakke, Ray. 1997. A Theology as Big as the City.

_____ % 3. Bakke, Ray and John Sharpe. 2006. Street Signs:

_____ % 4. Pollard, Nick. 1997. Evangelism Made Slightly Less Difficul

_____ % 5. Grisham, John. Street Lawyer. (For extra credit)

Did you turn in two urban ministry evaluations (60 pts)?

Did you turn in a paper on Theology of Urban Ministry (50 pts)?

Did you turn in the major written assignment detailing an urban ministry design (100 pts)?

Did you turn in a minimum of 24 websites about urban ministry (48 pts)?

What sessions (or partial sessions) were you absent? Give dates below (72 pts).

Signed _____ Date _____

Other Important Books on Urban Ministry:

- Bakke, Ray and Sam Roberts. 1998. The Expanded Mission of City Center Churches. Chicago, IL: International Urban Associates.
- Batey, Richard A. 1991. Jesus & the Forgotten City: New Light on Sepphoris and the Urban World of Jesus. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.
- Berryman, Phillip. 1996. Religion in the Megacity: Catholic and Protestant Portraits from Latin America. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.
- Burger, Delores T. 1997. Women Who Changed the Heart of the City: The Untold Story of the City Rescue Mission Movement. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications.
- Carle, Robert D. and Louis A Decaro, Jr. 1997. Sings of Hope in the City: Ministries of Community Renewal. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press.
- Claerbaut, David. 1983. Urban Ministry. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.
- Francis, Hozell C. 1999. Church Planting in the African-American Context. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.
- Green, Clifford J. 1996. Churches, Cities, and Human Community: Urban Ministry in the United States 1945-1985. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans.
- Greenway, Roger S. and Timothy M. Monsma. 1994. Cities: Missions' New Frontier. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.
- Guinness, Os. 1993. Dining with the Devil: The Megachurch Movement Flirts with Modernity. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.
- Holli, Melvin G. and Peter d'A. Jones. 4th ed. 1995. Ethnic Chicago: A Multicultural Portrait. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B Eerdmans.
- Holness, Denzil. 1998. The Jonah Syndrome: White Churches Running from the Inner City. Joplin, MO: College Press.
- Kenneson, Philip D. and James L. Street. 1997. Selling Out the Church: The Dangers of Church Marketing. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press.
- Levicoff, Steve. 1994. Street Smarts: A Survival Guide to Personal Evangelism and the Law. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.
- Lewis, Robert and Rob Wilkins. 2001. The Church of Irresistible Influence. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

- Livingstone, Greg. 1993. Planting Churches in Muslim Cities: A Team Approach. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.
- Meeks, Wayne A. 1983. The First Urban Christians: The Social World of the Apostle Paul. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Parshall, Janet and Craig Parshall. 2000. The Light in the City: Why Christians Must Advance and Not Retreat. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson.
- Pritchard, G. A. 1996. Willow Creek Seeker Services: Evaluating a New Way of Doing Church. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.
- Roehlkepartain, Eugene C. 1989. Youth Ministry in City Churches. Loveland, CO: Groups Books.
- Shelley, Bruce and Marshall Shelley. 1992. The Consumer Church: Can Evangelicals Win the World without Losing Their Souls? Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.
- Shorter, Aylward. 1991. The Church in the African City. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.
- Tonna, Benjamin. 1982. Gospel for the Cities. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.
- Webster, Douglas D. 1992. Selling Jesus: What's Wrong with Marketing the Church. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.
- White, Randy. 1996. Journey to the Center of the City: Making a Difference in an Urban Neighborhood. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.
- Winter, Gibson. 1961. The Suburban Captivity of the Churches: And The Prospects of Their Renewal to Serve the Whole Life of the Emerging Metropolis. Garden City, NY: Doubleday & Company.