

THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY
D. Min. Theology Core DMC801
John Frame & Doug Swagerty
July 18-22, 2005

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Since ministry is a calling from God, the most important thing is to do it God's way. So it is important for us to develop our concept of ministry theologically, that is according to God's Word. As we seek to do that we find that Scripture pushes us to apply its teaching to situations of our own time. In this course we will learn how to relate the teachings of God's Word to the situations we face in contemporary ministry, including new developments in culture, philosophy and models of ministry. We will also assess what the Reformed tradition says to us as we carry the Gospel to people today.

COURSE INSTRUCTORS

John Frame is Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy at RTS Orlando. He received his A. B. from Princeton University, his B. D. from Westminster Theological Seminary, and his M. Phil. from Yale University. He has published a number of books, including *Doctrine of the Knowledge of God*, *Medical Ethics*, *Perspectives on the Word of God*, *Evangelical Reunion*, *Apologetics to the Glory of God*, *Cornelius Van Til*, *Worship in Spirit and Truth*, *Contemporary Worship Music: a Biblical Defense*, *Doctrine of God*, *No Other God*. He is a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America, a pianist and an organist.

Doug Swagerty is Pastor of Harbor Presbyterian Church in San Diego where has ministered with Dick Kaufmann since the inception of this multi-site church in 1999. Harbor currently has five different worship services each Sunday in various locations throughout the greater San Diego area. Prior to his work at Harbor, Doug planted and pastored the Coastal Community Church (PCA) of Oceanside, CA for 14 years. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Covenant College, his M.Div. from Westminster Seminary, and his M.A. in Philosophy from Villanova University. He also served as the Stated Clerk of the South Coast Presbytery (PCA) for 10 years and is currently a co-opt member of the PCA's Committee on Mission to North America.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

The integration paper is to be an informal discussion of specific ways in which you plan to change your ministry in light of class readings and discussion. You may choose to be broad or specific. You should interact with as many reading assignments, lectures, and discussions as possible. This 15-20 page paper should be written in *Turabian*, 6th Edition style and/or in the style of our Final Project Guidelines. Please mail to the D.Min. office by October 31, 2005.

Each student should read 2000 pages of new reading and write a one-page standard book report on each book or article over 50 pages in length. The book reports are due on the first day of class, July 18, 2005.

COURSE READING

Required Reading: (If not previously read)

Bridges, Jerry

1994 *The Discipline of Grace: God's Role and our Role in the Pursuit of Holiness.* Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 239 pp.

Clinton, J. Robert

1988 *The Making of a Leader.* Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 272 pp.

Frame, John M.

1987 *The Doctrine of the Knowledge of God.* Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R, 437 pp.

1996 *Worship in Spirit and Truth.* Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R, 171 pp.

1997 *Contemporary Worship Music.* Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2 append. (155-201) 46 pp.

1999 *Perspectives on the Word of God.* Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 56 pp.

Essays at <http://www.thirdmill.org> (Search for "Frame")

“Traditionalism”, Parts 1-2, 16 pp.

“A Theology of Opportunity”, Parts 1-3, 33 pp.

“How to Be Confident Amid Millennial Frenzies”, 11 pp.

“Introduction to the Reformed Faith”, Parts 1-2, 21 pp.

Keller, Timothy J.

1997 *Ministries of Mercy: The Call of the Jericho Road.* Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 236pp

Miller, C. John

1986 *Outgrowing the Ingrown Church.* Grand Rapids, MI: Ministry Resources Library, 176 pp.

Newbigin, Lesslie

1982 *Foolishness to the Greeks: The Gospel and Western Culture.* Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company.

1989 *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society.* Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 255 pp.

Recommended Reading: (In the event that you have not reached your 2000-page new reading quota, and/or for additional study)

Gospel Proclamation

Clowney, Edmund P.

1988 *The Unfolding Mystery: Discovering Christ in the Old Testament.* Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 202 pp.

Chappel, Bryan

1994 *Christ-Centered Preaching.* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker.

Poythress, Vern S.

1987 *Symphonic Theology: The Validity of Multiple Perspectives in Theology.* Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 128 pp.

Counseling

Anderson, Neil

2000 *Victory Over the Darkness.* Gospel Light

Crabb, Lawrence J.

1988 *Inside-Out.* Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 223 pp.

Adams, Jay Edward

1973 *Christian Counselor's Manual*. Nutley, NJ: P & R, 476 pp.

Worship

Frame, John M.

1995 *Worship in Spirit and Truth Community*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R, 276 pp.

Hauerwas Stanley and William H. Willimon

1989 *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 175 pp.

Small Groups

Redeemer Presbyterian Church, *Small Group Manual*. NYC

Leadership

Blanchard, Kenneth H. and Patricia & Drew Zigarmi

1992 *The One Minute Manager and Leadership*. New York, NY: Marrow, 111 pp.

George, Carl F.

1991 *Prepare Your Church For The Future*. Tarrytown, NY: Revell, 240 pp.

George, Carl F. with Warren Bird

1994 *The Coming Church Revolution: Empowering Leaders for the Future*. Grand Rapids, MI: Revell, 349 pp.

Stanley, Paul D. and J. Robert Clinton,

1992 *Connecting: The Mentoring Relationships You Need to Succeed in Life*. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 187 pp.

Meditation and Prayer

Toon, Peter

1993 *The Art of Meditating on Scripture*. Zondervan.

Gospel Discipleship

Miller, John C.

Repentance and Twentieth Century Man

Keller, Timothy

Gospel and Heart—Galatians Study, Redeemer Presbyterian Church in NYC

Lovelace, Richard

1979 *Dynamics of Spiritual Life: An Evangelical Theory of Renewal*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 455 p.

World Harvest Mission, *Sonship Course*

Mercy Ministry

McKinney, George et al

1998 *Cross the Line—Reclaiming the Inner City for God*. Thos. Nelson Publishers.

Evangelism

Arn, Win & Charles Arn

1982 *The Master's Plan for Making Disciples*. Pasadena: Church Growth Press. 176 pp.

Please limit your report to one single-spaced page. Write approximately one paragraph per topic (Overview, Critique, & Application). Reports are due on the first day of class.

Name
Course Title & Number
Professor
Date

Title of Book
Complete Bibliographic Reference

Overview—Give a brief overview of the book, including its theme, perspective and approach.

Critique—Offer a brief critique of the book, including elements of strength and weakness.

Application—Offer some specific application to your own ministry— demonstrating the value and relevance of the material in this book.

Best Quote—Be sure to include the page number where the quote can be found.

READING REPORT SUMMARY GUIDE

Your Name
Date
Course Title & Number
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Author

Title

Pages

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Date _____

DTS was founded as Evangelical Theological College in 1924 by Lewis Sperry Chafer, who taught the first class of 13 students, and William Henry Griffith Thomas,[3][4] who was to have been the school's first theology professor but died before the first classes began. Their vision was a school where expository Bible preaching was taught simply, and under Chafer's leadership, DTS pioneered one of the first four-year degrees in theology, the Master of Theology (Th.M.). The present location of the school was purchased in 1926 and Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) programs were started in 1927.[5...Â In addition to these, a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program was opened in 1980. Walvoord retired as DTS president in 1986.[4]. Scottish Journal of Theology. Volume 39 Issue 1. Theology and Function "The Min English | FranÃ§ais. Scottish Journal of Theology. Article. Article.Â And certainly there is good reason to examine the subject of ministry in terms of sign-value, if not in terms of "sacramentality"™. But the question is being asked, shyly by some and more stridently by others: We can see what ministers represent, we can even see the sign-value of bishops, but what are they supposed to do? Export citation Request permission. Copyright.Â Eagan, J. F., "Ordained Ministry in BEM " A Theological Critique"™, Ecumenical Review, July 1984, pp. 266 and 269; and Wainwright, G., "Reconciliation in Ministry"™, in Thurian, M. (ed.), Ecumenical Perspectives on Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, 1983, pp. 134f.