

2MS518 MISSIONS

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COURSE DESIGN

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## **REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

### **2MS518 MISSIONS**

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#### **EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE**

This course **introduces** the student to four key “missiological” motivations as they relate to the Christian ministry: pastoral, biblical/theological, historical, and practical (strategy). Our goal is to learn in order to reach. The question to keep in mind is this: What does it have to do with God’s glory, the edification (building up) of the church, and the salvation of the unconverted across the street and around the world? These “lectures” and activities have been designed to be reproduced in the context of the local churches.

#### **FORMAT**

“Lectures,” guest lecturers, small group interactions, seminars, video presentations, and discussions.

#### **TOPICS TO BE CONSIDERED**

##### **Pastoral Motivation: Preaching**

The Problem of Every Human Being Who Ever Lived  
The Greatest Joy of Every Human Being Who Ever Lived  
The Ultimate Purpose of the Christian Ministry (Service)  
Matthew 4, 9, 28 and Acts 1:1-8

##### **(The Status of World “Evangelization” Today)**

##### **Biblical/Theological Motivation: Let the Nations Be Glad**

What is the Bible All About?  
Exegeting Words in the Light of the Scriptures  
Evangelism  
Evangelist,  
Evangelize  
Mission,  
Missionary,  
Missionary Work,  
Mission Field  
“Missional” (the “new” kid in the block)

### **Historical Motivation: Biographies**

The Servants  
The Places (Geo-geography X Theo-geography)  
The Work

### **Practical Motivation: Strategy--“Just Do Something”**

Current Issues in Mission Strategies  
Case Study: One of the World Religions  
Church Planting and Cultural “Anthropology”  
Case Study: The Taliabo Story  
Ten Practical Ways to Involve Your Local Church to Minister

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Attendance--“Classroom attendance is for the glory of God and preparation for the gospel ministry.** Students therefore are expected to attend class sessions. No student should absent himself from classes in order to fulfill requirements or responsibilities of other classes....” (RTS Catalogue).

**Three reading reports--The careful reading of the assigned materials and three reading reports (two pages each per book),** single space, highlighting the main propositions, statements, theses, principles, etc, gathered from the reading. **Due on August.**

**Participation in the classroom activities (“mission” reports/prayer, and presentations).**

The first 20 minutes of the first class of each day will be dedicated to “mission reports” and prayer. Read Genesis 18:16-25, 32-33; Isaiah 56:7; Mark 11:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-6.

Small Group discussions and facilitators. Choose a Facilitator to represent your group.

**A “lecture” presentation** in a small group setting (Sunday School, for instance) about the life and ministry of a protestant evangelical “missionary,” highlighting God’s work through him and his family (wife and children), as well as his theology and strategy. Read Hebrews 11:39-12:2; 13:7.

**Interview a non-Christian** and write one page report about your experience. **Due on August.**

### Required readings:

Piper, John. 1997. ***Let the nations be glad: The supremacy of God in missions***. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. **Due on August.**

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