

EVG650 New Testament Evangelism
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Course Description:

A study of the evangelistic motivation, message, and methods are revealed in the New Testament. Particular attention will be focused on the Book of Acts.

Textbooks:

Brueggemann, Walter. Biblical Perspectives on Evangelism. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993.
Snyder, Howard A. Decoding The Church. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2002.

Outcomes:

1. To describe the Holy Spirit's work in evangelism throughout Acts.
2. To implement evangelistic principles gleaned from one of the Gospels.
3. To develop a theology of evangelism faithful to scripture and relevant to local congregational ministry.
4. To integrate a variety of skill and spiritual gifts into an outreach ministry.
5. To verbalize the tensions present in cross-cultural ministry as seen in the Bible. .
6. To preach evangelistically.
7. To engage in evangelism while equipping others.
8. To inspire others to evangelize with passion.

Outline:

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- I. Introduction: Outline Procedures for the Book of Acts.
- II. Jesus and Evangelism
 - A. Jesus' Teaching on Evangelism
 - B. Jesus' Example of Evangelism
 - C. Jesus' Discipleship Concepts
- III. Evangelism—The Work of God
 - A. Theology of Evangelism
 - B. Motivation for Evangelism
 - C. The Work of the Spirit
 - D. The Miraculous
- IV. The Church—The means of God
 - A. Its Nature
 - B. Its Mission

- C. The Basic Strategy of Evangelism in Acts
- V. The Evangelists—People of God
- VI. Prayer as a Way of Life
 - A. A Common Pattern
 - B. The Causes of Prayer
 - C. Results of Prayer
- VII. A Fellowship of Love
 - A. Sharing Needs
 - B. United
 - C. Evangelism through Fellowship
 - D. Follow Up Procedures
- VIII. Personal Evangelism
 - A. Witness
 - B. The Manner of Personal Evangelism
 - C. Persecution and Opportunity
 - D. Natural Opportunity
- IX. Equipping for Evangelism
 - A. Leadership for the Future
 - B. First Century Outreach
- X. Evangelistic Preaching
 - A. Characteristics
 - B. The Power of the Word

Assignments:

1. Outline the Book of Acts. Read the Book of Acts thoroughly several times. Outline Acts from the point of view of evangelism as its primary purpose. For every paragraph write a complete sentence summarizing the material. In addition to your paragraph-by-paragraph summary sentences, major headings will be necessary to provide a true outline. In an outline there must be a “b” for every “a” and a “2” for every “1.”
2. Study an assigned Gospel. Note and discuss every passage that pertains to evangelism or witnessing. Discover and describe how Jesus sought to save people from their sins.
3. Write a five-page book report on Decoding the Church. Give four pages to summary and one full page to application.
4. The mid-term exam will be over Biblical Perspectives on Evangelism.
5. The final exam will be an oral exam covering lectures.
6. Read the articles “Holiness in Acts (1)” and “Holiness in Acts (2)” by Gordon Thomas in the “Re-Minting Christian Holiness” article series. Articles may be

found at <http://holiness.nazarene.ac.uk/articles.php>. Write five discussion questions with suggested answers stemming from this two-part article.

7. From II Corinthians 4 develop a theology of evangelism.
8. Write an exposition on II Corinthians 5:11-6:18.
9. Select three (3) of the following practical assignments. Clearly indicate by letter and title which assignment you are posting.
 - a. Report on spiritual multiplication. Take someone with you on a personal visit with an unsaved person. Pray to engage in a spiritual conversation. Report on how you established rapport, what was said, what, if any plan was used, how you asked the person to make a decision, how you helped with the assurance of salvation and provided for follow up to take place. Hint: keeping a diary of your witnessing attempts will help you track the results of your calls and the training of your partner. Also report the discussion with your trainee before the call and after the contact. Your paper should also cite New Testament evangelism principles and practices.
 - b. Analyze three evangelistic experiences you have had personally during this semester. Evaluate your experiences with the New Testament principles and practices of evangelism. For example, you might compare your preaching of an evangelistic sermon and giving of an altar call to Peter's preaching and appeal in Acts 2:14-42; your personal evangelism attempt to Philip's evangelism of the Ethiopian in Acts 8:26-40; your follow up with a convert to Ananias' follow up of Paul in Acts 9:10-22.
 - c. Analyze the following quotation by way of your overlapping study of Acts and any of Paul's letters: "Every Christian should have a Paul, a Barnabas and a Timothy in his/her life." Give special attention to issues of discipleship and evangelism. Include a case study of one person who is a Paul, a Barnabas, or a Timothy in your life. The purpose of this learning experience is to focus on advancing the kingdom of God through relationship building, rather than program development.
 - d. Develop a sermon on each of the following three topics: Evangelism, the Church, the Spirit-filled Life. Each sermon is to be a complete sentence outline of a manuscript containing a title, Scripture, introduction, transitional sentence, complete sentence outline and a conclusion. Each sermon is to be a minimum of two pages in length.
 - e. Write six bulletin inserts (on 5 ½ x 8 ½ paper) based on New Testament principles of evangelism. The purposes are to inspire and instruct the laity in evangelism. Develop creative titles. Describe the purpose of each insert on a cover page along with the Scripture references supporting the concepts underlying your writing. With your approval, "A" work will be placed on the seminary's website for use by local congregations. Please submit an electronic copy.
 - f. A special project with the Professor's approval.

<u>Due Dates:</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Points</u>
April 17	Outline of Acts	200
April 2	Gospel Analysis	150
March 11	Mid-term Exam	100
Feb. 19	Book Report	100
Feb 10	Article	50
May 6	Final Exam	100
March 3 (Tues.)	Attend chapel/Stephen Manley	50
March 5	Theology of evangelism	100
Feb. 26	Exposition	100
Feb. 13.	Practical application	50
Mar. 19.	“ “	50
Apr. 23	“ “	50
		<u>1100</u>

Grading

91-100%	=	A
81-90%	=	B
71-80%	=	C
61-70%	=	D
below 60%	=	F

No late work will be accepted.