COURSE PROSPECTUS: MIS0500 Introduction to Great Commission Studies

PROFESSOR: DR. CHUCK LAWLESS

OVERVIEW

An introduction to biblical, theological, and practical aspects of the practice and fulfillment of the Great Commission with particular attention to evangelism and missions.

OBJECTIVES

The learner who completes this course will:

1. demonstrate knowledge of the definition, theology, and history of missions and evangelism
2. articulate his/her personal spiritual journey in a way that communicates with non-believers in North American and cross-cultural settings
3. Illustrate knowledge of what constitutes a biblically healthy church committed to the Great Commission

CORE COMPETENCIES

**Spiritual Formation:** Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue an authentically Christian way of life, manifested by trust in God, obedience to Christ’s commands, and love of God and neighbor. [Course SLO #1, 2, 3]

**Biblical Exposition:** Demonstrate the ability to properly and effectively interpret, apply, and communicate the Scriptures. [Course SLO #1, 2, 3]

**Theological Integration:** Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply the doctrines of Christianity to life and ministry. [Course SLO #1, 2, 3]
**Ministry Preparation:** Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and Christian disposition necessary for ministry and leadership in the church and the world. [Course SLO #1, 2, 3]

**Critical Thinking and Communication:** Demonstrate the ability to think critically, argue persuasively, and communicate clearly. [Course SLO #1, 2, 3]

**REQUIREMENTS**

**Weekly Meetings**
Participants will meet with the professor from 5:45-7:00 pm on the following dates:

- January 22
- January 29
- February 5
- February 12
- February 19
- February 26

**Meeting Location:**

Crenshaw Consulting Engineering  
3516 Bush Street  
Raleigh, NC  27609

**Online Lectures**
Participants will watch three 20-minute (approx.) online lectures per week. All lectures must be viewed in their entirety. The first three lectures (1.1., 1.2, 1.3) should be viewed **BEFORE** coming to the first class.

**Reading Assignments**

**Writing Assignments**
1. Students will write a two page, double-spaced description of their personal spiritual journey, including the story of their conversion and any experiences in international missions. Due the second week of class.
2. Students will prepare a four page, double-spaced paper describing the most significant insights gained from the class lectures, reading, and interaction. Due one week following the last class meeting.

**Assessments**
Students will complete three quizzes as indicated in the course schedule. Each quiz will cover two weeks of material. Quizzes will be available at class time of the indicated weeks.
Course Grading
The student’s grade will be based on the following percentages:

- Class Participation and Video Viewing: 10%
- Personal Journey Paper: 25%
- Quizzes: 30%
- Reflection Paper: 35%

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### Course Schedule

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<td>1.1, 1.2, 1.3</td>
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