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DS 500 Building Spiritual Movements

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Building Spiritual Movements

This class is the fourth in a series of four. In the Master of Christian Ministry Degree and HarvestNet Certification Programs it cannot be taken out of sequence.

I. Objectives: By the completion of this class the student will...

1. realize the purpose and process of targeting and reaching a specific area/demographic
2. understand a variety of approaches to reaching target areas or demographic groups
3. develop and implement an outreach plan to research and reach a target area or group
4. experience the relationship of evangelism, discipleship, small groups to reaching a specific area and multiplying this vision in others
5. understand how to teach the members of a group how to multiply the group

II. Assignments: There is no final exam in this course. Grade is based upon assignments.

1. **Reading:** (Also, see written assignments below relating to each reading.)

Your readings will be a combination of **DS500 Handouts**; the book *Loving Your City Into the Kingdom* (Hayford & Haggard); the book *Revolution* (George Barna); and a **book that you will choose**, but which must be approved by the Instructor.

> The specific assignments are listed on the class schedule, **Section IV**.

2. **Written Assignments:**

(a) **Write a two-page** (max) typed (double-spaced) summary of 1 or 2 key concepts derived from *Loving Your City into the Kingdom* book. **(15pts.) Due March 10.**

(b) **Write a two-page** (max) typed (double-spaced) summary of 1 or 2 key concepts you derived from reading the *Revolution* book. **(15pts.) Due April 15.**

3. **Presentation on Book you choose (must be approved by instructor): (20pts.)** Make a presentation to class summarizing approved book of your choice. **Due Last Class.**

4. **Research Project - Discovery Sample & Project Paper:**

DISCOVERY SAMPLE: Once your target area is identified, you will do a discovery project to sample the attitudes, mindset, religious beliefs

PROJECT & PAPER: Prepare a paper outlining your plans and steps to reach the target area you will work in using the steps in section VIII below. The paper is to be 750 – 1000 words in length, typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, standard margins, utilizing footnotes and bibliography. **(30 pts.) DRAFT DUE last class in April.**

>> **FINAL VERSION of your paper is DUE postmarked or emailed MAY 15th.**

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III. Scripture Memory - These will be tested in class in Feb., March & April. **(10 pts.)**

- Matt. 10:11 – **Due Feb. 17**
- Luke 10: 1, 8 – **Due Mar. 3**
- Acts 19: 10 – **Due March 15**
- Titus 1:5 – **Due April 15**

IV. Projected Class Schedule:

DATE	Proposed Topic	Assigned Readings for NEXT class
Feb. 10	<i>Introductory Session & Prayer Explanation of Mentoring aspect</i>	“Loving Your City...” > Chptrs. 1 - 3
17	<i>Building Spiritual Movements</i> DUE: Memory Vs. 1	“Loving Your City...” - 4 & 5
24	<i>Five Phases of Movement Development</i>	“Loving Your City...” - 6 & 7
Mar. 3	<i>Leadership of Spiritual Movements</i> DUE: Memory Vs. 2	“Loving Your City...” - 8 - 10 Barna Handout
Mar. 10	<i>Styles of Leadership</i> DUE: Book Summary 1	“Revolution”-> Preface + Chptr. 1-3
Mar. 17	Peer GROUP Activity: “Loving Your City...” book Discussion & Joint Summary paper	“Revolution” -> Chptrs. 4 - 6
25	<i>Two Structures of God’s Redemptive Mission</i> DUE: Memory Vs. 3	“Revolution” -> Chptrs 7 - 10
Apr. 7	<i>Understanding-Ministering to Your Culture</i>	“Revolution” -> Chptrs 11 - 14
8	In Class Discussion of “Revolution”book DUE: Book Summary 2	BEGIN reading Book of Choice
15	<i>Spiritual Warfare</i> DUE: Memory Vs. 4	Review Potential Discovery Questions
22	<i>Discipleship Assessment & Developing Disciples to Their Potential</i>	
29	Review Discovery Samples of Target Areas	DRAFT of Project Paper
May 5	DUE: Presentation and Peer GROUP: Evaluate Presentations	
May 15	PROJECT PAER DUE on May 15	Email or Mail

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V. Textbooks:

- 1) Haggard, Ted & Hayford, Jack. (1997). *Loving Your City into the Kingdom*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books.
- 2) Barna, George. (2005). *Revolution*. Wheaton, IL: Barna Books (Tyndale House Pub.).
- 3) Approved book of your choice: _____

VI Grading Rubric

Written Assignments # 1 & 2	=	30% (15% each)
Written # 3 + Oral Presentation	=	20%
Four (4)Memory Verses	=	10% (2.5% each)
Target Area Discovery Sample	=	10%
Completed Project: Paper	=	<u>30%</u>
Total		100%

VII. Project & Practical Ministry Checkout Information:

By the end of the semester you should have:

- > Selected a target area for your Project
- > Prayer walked your area with one or more disciples
- > Completed a *discovery sample* for your target area
- > Developed a team recruiting and training plan
- > Prayed with other people weekly for your target area
- > Planned an outreach event which has the potential to reach everyone in the target area
- > Planned and completed plans for a follow-up for the event

VIII. Bibliography

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VIII. SUGGESTED STEPS TO FORMULATE PLAN TO REACH A TARGET AREA:

Note: Use this template to write your Project Paper

1. **Choose a target site/audience** within the area to which God has called you
 - Spend time in prayer
 - Analyze the site for readiness to respond to the gospel
 - Seek to understand cultural drivers and barriers
 - Ask God to confirm your target: spiritual, circumstantial, community

3. **Begin preparations** to research and reach your target area
 - Isolate out a target audience
 - Who will be the first 100 to be reached (won to Christ)?
 - Test the target audience (information; best means; responsiveness)

4. Start a prayer ministry
 - Regular times of prayer
 - Intercessors (regular, daily)
 - Prayer walking warriors (to accompany you & to pray for you)

5. Establish a timeline to implement the plan
 - Time by which to have prepared materials on hand
 - Time by which team(s) have been recruited
 - Time by which small group leadership has been identified & trained

6. Train outreach team(s)
 - Identify and recruit team(s) participants
 - Envision for the target area/demographic
 - Teach how to share the Gospel clearly and effectively (how to lead someone to Christ).
 - Do some simulations and practice sessions on friends, relatives, etc.

6. **Penetrate the target audience** with the gospel
 - Assign team(s) (Strategy follows natural groupings + divine opportunities)
 - Reach groups whenever possible

7. **Concentrate follow-up and discipleship** on those who respond
 - First follow-up in 24 hours
 - Train those who respond to discipleship and promote (based on fruitfulness)
 - Build a core of 50 committed disciples, in 8-10 small groups

8. Plan to reach other target audiences using natural bridges
 - Personal bridges from your disciples
 - Natural group bridges from your initial group

9. Within no more than one year begin sending disciples to other target areas
 - Tithe the workers (anyone in good standing called of God to move should feel sent)
 - Sending ceremony

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10. **Saturate** the initial group/site
 - Pray for each one, share with each one
 - Concentrate follow-up and discipleship on those who respond
 - Train and promote (based on fruitfulness) those who respond to discipleship opportunities
11. Saturate the area: Reach all the groups within the area
 - Expose every one
 - Significant number of disciples in each audience
 - Some being sent from each audience
12. **Continue** to consolidate the gains and marshal resources for on-going saturation of the area
 - Repeated prayer and exposure to those who are not yet Christian
 - Outreach to all new people
13. Stabilize leadership and leadership training
 - Promote based on fruitfulness
 - Organized process of training; biblical, movement
 - Continual prayer for leaders
14. Stabilize the organization and funding
 - Personnel, placement, relationships are stable
 - Stable all outreaches
 - Budget raised ahead of time
 - Significant funding for other target areas and missions
15. Become a catalyst for reaching other target areas
 - Maintain contact for those you have sent
 - Support locals from other areas reaching ethnic groups
 - Stay or go based on God's call