

Biblical Missiology

A University Course in Cross-Cultural Mission

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Academic

This module offers an introduction to missiology as an aspect of applied theology and as an academic subject in its own right, drawing from a wide range of disciplines including biblical studies, sociology, psychology, anthropology, geography and history.

It should enable the student to assess other theological disciplines from a practical missiological perspective, and to approach the OT and NT scriptures from the viewpoint of a pioneer cross-cultural missionary.

Practical

This course takes a fresh look at the Great Commission given by Jesus to his disciples.

It will prepare you to serve as a cross-cultural missionary, or to support others engaged in this vital task.

It should equip you to...

- Understand what the Old and New Testaments say about mission.
- Assess the mission strategies adopted by Jesus and by Paul.
- Evaluate diverse cultures from a biblical perspective.
- Address some important controversial issues in world mission.
- Understand the sociology and psychology of conversion.
- See how the history of gospel mission may help us today.
- Prepare to go into an unreached area and present the gospel to an unreached people.
- Develop strategies suited to the particular people you are approaching.
- Recognize and overcome many of the difficulties faced by pioneer missionaries.

Contents

1) Introduction to Missiology

What is missiology?
World trends, opportunities and strategies
The meaning of mission
The origin of mission – the Lord God

2) A Biblical Theology of Mission I

The purpose of mission – salvation
The message of mission – Jesus Christ
The place of mission – the world

3) A Biblical Theology of Mission II

The method of mission – speaking the word
The energy of mission – the Holy Spirit
The agents of mission – men and women
The result of mission – disciples in every ethnic group

4) A Biblical View of Culture

The meaning of culture
The culture triangle
The culture of the world
Culture in the Bible

5) New Testament Missionary Methods

The mission methods of Jesus
The mission methods of the twelve apostles
The mission methods of Paul
How the gospel crossed cultures
A natural way for news to spread

6) Some Current Issues in Mission

Start with Adam or with Jesus?
Homogeneous units or All One in Christ?
Proclamation mission or holistic mission?
Dominion or Salvation?

7) More Current Issues in Mission

Primordialism or Pragmatism?
Targeting the Unreached or the Responsive?
Targeting Marginal People or Mainstream People?

8) The World History of Gospel Mission I

The first 600 years
Evangelical Faith
Early Protestant missions (17th-19th centuries)
Evangelical mission strategies in the 19th century
Trends in the 20th and 21st centuries

9) The World History of Gospel Mission II

Indigenization and Indigeneity
Rapid Mass Movements

10) Special Approaches for Particular People

The work of an Evangelist
Nominal Christians
African Traditional Religionists
Muslims

11) Launching a Pioneer Mission

Strategic planning
Conflict situations
Urban and rural mission
Pioneering strategies
The process of conversion

12) Spiritual Health Care for Pioneer Missionaries

Missionary guidance, Missionary motivation
Culture shock, Pastoral care for missionaries
Family life, Accountability,
Opposition and Persecution
Dealing with Discouragement

Books

The texts listed as required reading are all included on this Biblical Missiology CD.

Required Reading	format	A4 pages
Brian Fargher (translator): <i>Sorsa Sumamo, an Ethiopian Evangelist</i>	PDF	42
Eileen Lageer: <i>New Life For All</i>	PDF	51
Robin Daniel: <i>The Saviour of the World</i>	PDF	8
Robin Daniel: <i>Mission Strategies Then and Now: an introduction to biblical missiology</i>	PDF or book	87
Robin Daniel: <i>A Practical History of Gospel Mission</i>	PDF	14
Robin Daniel: <i>Rapid Mass Movements</i>	PDF	6

Also available on the CD are the following books and documents offered as recommended texts.

Recommended Texts

Robin Daniel: <i>The Process of Conversion</i>	PDF	10
Robin Daniel: <i>Preparing for Mission</i>	PDF	22
Lois K Fuller: <i>Going to the Nations</i>	PDF or book	42
Lois K. Fuller: <i>The Work of a Missionary</i>	PDF or book	48

Specialist Subjects

Robin Daniel: <i>How to Speak in Parables</i>	PDF	9
Robin Daniel: <i>What do you think of the One who will come?</i>	PDF	9
Robin Daniel: <i>This Holy Seed – faith, hope and love in the early churches of North Africa</i>	PDF or book	211
Lois K. Fuller: <i>A Missionary Handbook on African Traditional Religion</i>	PDF or book	49
Charles Marsh: <i>Share Your Faith with a Muslim</i>	PDF	34
Charles Marsh: <i>Too Hard for God?</i>	PDF	84
Douglas S Hubery: <i>The Teaching Methods of Jesus</i>	PDF	26

Some of these titles are also available as published books...

Books by Robin Daniel, including *Biblical Missiology* (teacher's notes, written assignments, class notes), can be obtained from booksellers, or online from amazon.co.uk, or direct from...

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