

Models of Evangelism
MS 4515

Time: January 2012 (January 13-14, 27-28; 9 am to 4 pm)
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Prerequisites: None

Purpose:

Models of Evangelism seeks to enable the student to come to a clear understanding of the nature and expression of Evangelism within the Christian Church. The class will explore four different definitions of Evangelism, noting how local Baptists, both individuals and churches, in the DC metropolitan area express these. These expressions will provide the “models” for the course.

Students will process their discoveries about Evangelism and be able to analyze the actions of others as these relate to the definitions of Evangelism. Students will also be required to develop or to adopt their personal definition of Evangelism as well as to reflect on an occasion in which the student serves as one who shares the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Required Text:

Greene, Michael. [Evangelism Through the Local Church: A Comprehensive Guide to All Aspects of Evangelism](#). Nashville: Oliver-Nelson, 1992.

Course Requirements and Evaluation

1. Attendance and informed participation in class.
2. A research paper of not more than ten pages in length, expressing the student’s personal definition of Evangelism with an adequate Biblical/Theological basis.
3. A verbatim of the student’s presentation of the Good News in a ministry setting.
4. Completion and submission of a Final Essay Exam.

Course Outline:

1/13 Session One:

Introduction and Contract
The traditional Evangelical Definition of Evangelism
Local Model
A Multi-Individual Group Process for Evangelism
Local Model

1/14 Session Two:

The modified traditional Protestant Definition of Evangelism and its offshoots
Local Model
A Process of coming to the Good News
Local Model

1/27 Session Three:

A Liberation Definition of Evangelism
Model of Amy Butler
Social Change: Community Development or Community Organization
Local Model

1/28 Session Four:

A Proposed Definition for Evangelism
Local Model
A Johannine Process of Faith
Local Model
Test (Last Hour)