

Discipleship originating from Jesus, TÛ.02.02

Workload 2 ECTS. 10 contact hours (45') in school, 2 contact hours in web, 40 individual work hours.

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Assessment non-differentiated (pass/fail)

Language of Instruction – English, but written work can also be done in Estonian.

Learning outcomes. After passing the course successfully, the student is able to

- analyse the entire content of the Holy Scriptures on the subject of Discipleship from the perspective of church and social life, and explain the Bible's message on how to make disciples in a relevant way in today's society
- understand the complex relationship between the society and the church in the light of the Biblical teaching and outline a detailed disciple making plan in order to raise Christians who are able to build and maintain authentic relationship between the church and the society
- transform the information, knowledge and insights gained during the studies of this course into culturally relevant approaches and forms of discipleship for the contemporary society.
- Analyse main obstacles and problems of discipleship and offer possible solutions to solve these

The course's connectedness to Studio "Theology and Identity"

During this course our purpose is to show how a relevant theology - including a biblical understanding on discipleship - can strengthen and nourish somebody's personal faith, how it could lead and hold a local church on the tack of Bible-based ministry, and how these can eventually influence the whole society to be healthier spiritually.

This purpose can be reached by identifying, analysing and understanding the principles and main components of discipleship in the Holy Scriptures, and finding how these can be shape someone's identity, the ministry practice as a natural result, overflow of this identity. We would like to see this Bible-based identity being worked out in concentric circles: in the person's own ministry, in his or her local church, and eventually how this influencing the contemporary society as whole.

Assessment Methods and Criteria

Assessment Methods	Due date	Assessment Criteria
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<p>Literature review: Choose one of the major books in the literature list and write a 2-3 page review in which you describe and critically analyse the central claim of the book (or one of its main claims).</p>	<p>Feb 27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The length of the essay is 2-3 pages • The main theme of the book is described (or the main themes) • The normative critical approach is applied (what is the claim of the author, what does the student think about it, supported by detailed arguments) • Explanation about how this book or its claim(s) could help the relevant disciple making ministry of the church in the contemporary society. • At least 3 other references (from books, professional articles, etc.) included beside the book or article in your reflection.
<p>Written assignment: a personal, relational disciple making (DM) plan in a local church.</p>	<p>March 27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing a detailed personal, relational disciple making plan in a local church's context. • The length is 4-5 pages. • This DM ministry should be integrated in the student's church. • There is empirical mini-research done on the local church according to the Jesus-like discipleship (how many people are engaged, what obstacles there are, etc.) • Details must be described: leader(s), participants, timeframe, fervency, subjects, methodology, tools. • Demonstrating a good understanding of the defining questions of today's disciple making ministry. • Proving the ability to apply the principles have been found during the course and individual research.

Formation of the final mark

After the literature review is presented and the written assignment (DM plan) accomplished and turned in to the professor.

Study flow

Independent work (40h)	Contact (12h)	Content and methods
	10 hours in 6-7.02.23	What concepts of the discipleship do participants have? Introduction to Discipleship as Jesus did it. How to become a disciple - and how to make a disciple? The role of the spiritual disciplines in the discipleship process. How to contextualize the disciple making ministry? Bible based and culturally relevant ministry. Main problems of discipleship in our local churches.
20h		Assessment method 1 – literature review and preparing for the seminar
	2 hours in web Feb 27.23	Seminar on literature reviews Consultation, questions and answers. Briefing.
20h		Individual research on culturally relevant, Bible-based, personal, relational disciple making ministry in the context of the local church. Writing the detailed personal, relational disciple making plan, integrated into the student's local congregation's ministry. Assessment method 2 – DM plan. Sending it electronically.
	March 27, 23	<i>Due date of the DM plan</i>
	April 7	<i>The course is closed</i>

Learning materials

Primary literature:

Coleman, Robert. *The Master Plan of Evangelism and Discipleship*. Prince Press, 1998.

Gravitt, Justin G. *The Foundation of a Disciple Making Culture*. discipleship.org, 2020. Free ebook: <https://discipleship.org/shop/the-foundation-of-a-disciple-making-culture/>

Harrington, Bobby and Absalom, Alex. *Discipleship That Fits*. Zondervan, 2016. Free ebook: <https://discipleship.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Discipleship-That-Fits-eBook.pdf>

Secondary literature:

We recommend students to find the best fitting books on their own language in discipleship, and read those. In this case please ask approval for those from the professor!

Adsit, Christopher B. *Personal Disciple-Making: A Step-by-step Guide for Leading a Christian From New Birth to Maturity*. Here's Life Publishers, 1988.

Arn, Win and Charles Arn. The Master's Plan for Making Disciples. Baker Books, 1998. (eBook)

Arnold, J. Heinrich. Discipleship. Plough, 1997. (eBook)

Boa, Kenneth. Conformed to His Image. Zondervan, 2001.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. The Cost of Discipleship. Simon & Schuster, 1937. (eBook)

Bruce, A. B. The Training of the Twelve. Kregel, 1971.

Eims, LeRoy. The Lost Art of Disciple making. Zondervan, 2009. (eBook)

Foster, Richard. Celebration of Discipline. Harper Collins, 1988.(eBook)

Hull, Bill. The Complete Book of Discipleship. NavPress, 2006. (eBook)

Hull, Bill. The Disciple Making Pastor. Temple, 1990.

Hull, Bill. Jesus Christ Disciplemaker. Baker, 2006. (eBook)

Ogden, Greg. Transforming Discipleship. InterVarsity Press, 2003.(eBook)

Peterson, Eugene. A Long Obedience in the Same Direction. InterVarsity Press, 2000. (eBook)

Tozer, A. W. The Pursuit of God. Christian Publications, 1982.

Whitney, Donald. Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, EChristian, Inc., 2008.(Audiobook)

Willard, Dallas. The Great Omission. Harper, 2006. (eBook)

Willard, Dallas. Renovation of the Heart. NavPress, 2002. (eBook)

Willard, Dallas. Revolution of Character. NavPress, 2005. (eBook)

Willard, Dallas. The Spirit of the Disciplines. Harper & Row, 1999.

Media:

Free ebooks on disciple making

<https://discipleship.org/resources/ebooks>

The Changing Face of Worship: The Church in a Postmodern World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Xj2UAGGtFk>