

## Great questions of modern mission, TÛ.01.06

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**Workload 4 ECTS.** 4+14 contact hours (45') in school, 2 contact hours in web, 84 individual work hours.

**Assessment** differentiated (grades A-E)

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

**Learning outcomes.** After passing the course successfully, the students...

- analyse the entire content of the Holy Scriptures from the perspective of the relationship of church and society, and explain the Bible's message and its relevancy on the role of God's people in the contemporary society
- analyse different understandings and big questions of mission
- understand the complex relationship between the society and the church in the light of the Biblical teaching and outline ways to increase authentic interactions between the church and the society locally and globally
- transform the information, knowledge and insights gained during the studies of this course into culturally relevant messages, approaches and forms of the missions activities of the Christian church for the contemporary society by using basic methods of hermeneutics and exegesis
- understand, explain and apply the meaning and practice of Christian mission within the context of postmodern epistemology
- outline a complex mission's plan of a local church, relevant to the contemporary society, correctly addressing the great questions of mission.

### **The course's connectedness to Studio "Bible and the Society"**

During this course our purpose is find an updated, culturally relevant understanding of Christian mission in the postmodern society. Missiology - as the theology of mission - connects the world of the Bible to the contemporary society. Recently we eyewitness a violent aggression from Russia in Ukraine - and this war is fought between so-called "Christian nations". A clear understanding is needed on what does God teaches in the Bible about the believers's personal and corporate (church-level) responsibility in such a situation, and what kind of mission should be accomplished on the bases of this.

### **Assessment Methods and Criteria**

<b>Assessment Methods</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Assessment Criteria</b>
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<p><b>Literature review and analysis</b> Choose one of the primary 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). In your analysis, point out how does the right understanding of contemporary challenges and of Missio Dei help us to identify the great questions of mission today, and how - outflowing from this - the local church (by its missions activities) should be involved and provide practical solution(s) for the given problem.</p>	Feb 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The length of the essay is 2-3 pages (1000-1500 words).</li> <li>• The main theme of the book are described (or the main themes)</li> <li>• The normative critical approach is applied (what is the claim of the author, what does the student think about it, supported by detailed arguments)</li> <li>• There is explanation about how this book or its claim(s) could help the relevant missions activity of the church in the contemporary society.</li> <li>• At least 3 other references (from books, professional articles, etc.) included beside the book or article in your reflection.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Case study on a missional project.</b> Present a case study on a missional project you have been involved! Show its goals, methods, etc., and its results (successes, imperfectness, and the way of possible improvement)!</p>	Apr, 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case study includes all things listed in the task description</li> <li>• Oral presentation with slideshow, outline.</li> <li>• Questions and answers about it.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Written assignment: sermon or bible-study</b> about one big questions of mission today.</p>	May 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write a sermon or bible-study on today's one, selected big question of mission!</li> <li>• Do not stay theoretical! Include a detailed action plan, so the audience will know how to act upon the message!</li> </ul>

### Formation of the final mark

All three assessment methods - literature review, case study and the written assignment (sermon or bible-study) are presented in time and according assessment criteria. The grade will depend on the deepness of the reflection, use of references and clarity of the planning.

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**Study flow**

<b>Independent work (84h)</b>	<b>Contact (20h)</b>	<b>Content and methods</b>
	4 hours in Tallinn 8.02.23	Introduction on the course. The concept of Missio Dei. (Lecture) Different concepts of mission. (Input from the students, discussion.) Paradigm shift in missiology, part I. (Lecture)
35 h		Literature review and analysis. (See Assessment 1.)
	2 hours in web 27.02.23	Reading seminar Consultation, questions and answers.
25 h		Making a case study on a missional project the student has been involved in. (Goals, methods, etc., then its results, successes, imperfectness, and the way of possible improvement. (See Assessment 2.)
	14h in Tallinn April 10-11.23	Paradigm shift in missiology, part II. (Lecture) The church and the culture (world).(Lecture) The concept of the missional church. (Discussion) Case studies: Central Church, Purpose Driven Church, Emerging Church. (Presenting Assessment 2). Summary.
24 h		Further research and writing the detailed, complex plan of the mission of a local church. Writing a sermon or bible-study about one big questions of mission today. (See Assessment 3.)
	May 20	<i>The course is closed</i>

**Learning materials**

**Primary literature:**

- Bosch, David. Transforming Mission. Maryknoll: Orbis, 1991. (eBook)  
 Guthrie, Stan. Missions in the Third Millennium: 21 Key Trends for the 21st Century Revised Ed. Paternoster, 2005.  
 Keller, T. Center Church. Zondervan, 2012.  
 Newbigin, Leslie. The Gospel in a Pluralist Society. Eerdmans: Later Printing Used edition, 1989.

## **Secondary literature:**

### **Foundation of Missiology**

- Bauckham, R. Bible and mission. MI: Baker Academic, 2003.
- Engen Van, C. Mission on the way. MI: Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996.
- Glasser, A. Announcing the kingdom. MI: Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2003. (eBook)
- Hiebert, P. Anthropological reflections on missiological issues. MI: Grand Rapids, Baker Book, 1994.
- Kane, H. Understanding Christian missions. MI: Grand Rapids, Baker Book House, 1986.
- Moreau, S., Corwin, G., McGee, G. Introducing world missions. MI: Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2004. (eBook)
- Pocock, M., Van Rheen, G., McConnell, D. The changing face of world missions. MI: Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2005. (eBook)
- Taylor, W., Ed. Global missiology for the 21st century. MI: Grand Rapids, Baker Academic, 2000.

### **Missional Church**

- Boyd, A., Borlase, C. God of this city. California: Regal, 2010.
- Frost, M. The road to missional. MI: Grand Rapids, Baker Books, 2011.
- GelderVan, C., Zscheile, D. The missional church in perspective. MI: Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011. (eBook)
- Gelder, Van, Ed. The missional church in context. Grand Rapids, Michigan/ Cambridge, UK: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2007.
- Haugen, G. Just courage. Illinois: IVP books, 2008.
- Mancini, W. Church unique. Jossey-bass, 2008. (eBook)
- McLaren, B. The church on the other side. MI: Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 1998.
- McNeal, R. Missional communities. Jossey-bass, 2011. (eBook)
- Roxburgh, Al., Boren, S. Introducing the Missional church. MI: Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2009. (eBook)
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- Sider, R. The scandal of the evangelical conscience. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Books, 2005. (eBook)
- Sider, R. Good news and good works. MI: Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1993.
- Wegner, R., Magruder, J. Missional Moves. Zondervan, 2012.

### **Holistic Mission and Transformation**

- Corbett, S., Fikkert, B. When helping hurts. Chicago: Moody publishers, 2009. (Audiobook)
- Engelsviken, T., Lundebj. Er., Solheim. D. The church going glocal. Great Britain: Regnum Books International, 2011. (eBook)
- Escobar, S. The new global mission. USA: InterVarsity Press, 2003.
- Frost, M., Hirsch, Al. The shaping of things to come. USA: Hendrickson publishers, 2005.
- Kalu, Og., Vethanayagamony, P., Kee-fook chia. Eds. Mission after Christendom. Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2010. (eBook)
- Kirk, An. What is mission? London: Page bross, Norwich, Norfolk, 2002.
- Kirk, An. Mission under scrutiny. London: Darton, Longman + Todd, 2006.
- Myers, B. Walking with the poor. New York: Orbis books, 2011.
- Newbigin, L. The open secret. USA: Eerdmans publishing co., 1995.
- Samuel, V., Sugden. C. Mission as transformation. USA: Regnum Books International, 1999. (eBook)
- Tizon, Al. Transformation after Lausanne. Oregon: WIPF and stock, 2008. (eBook)
- Wolnough, B., Wonsuk. Ma. Holistic mission. Great Britain: Regnum Books International, 2010.
- Wright, Christopher J. H., The mission of God. England: Intervarsity press, 2006. (eBook)

Wright, Christopher J. H., *The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission (Biblical Theology for Life)*. USA: Zondervan Academic; 1st edition 2010. (eBook)

**Media:**

*Useful websites:*

<http://www.missionfrontiers.org>

<http://www.lausanne.org>

<http://www.wheaton.edu/bcg/emis>

<http://www.brigada.org>

<http://www.asr>

<http://www.blackboard.com>

<http://www.geocities.com>

<http://www.gmi.org>