**Discipleship originating from Jesus, TÜ.02.02**

**Spring 2025**

**Workload 2 ECTS.**  25 contact hours (45’) in school, 27 individual work hours.

**Lecturer** Myron Williams

**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

* analyze some of the content of the Bible 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
* analyze 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
* connect the information, knowledge and insights gained during the studies of this course into culturally relevant approaches and forms of discipleship for the contemporary society.
* Analyze 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**

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| **Assessment Method**  | Due date | **Assessment Criteria** |
| Disciple making plan in a local church for at least 3 months for a group of people. | May… | * disciple making plan in a local church’s context is detailed and personal.
* The length is 3-4 pages.
* The plan uses at least three sources to explain the reasons and methods and these sources are referred
* There is empirical mini-research done in the local church according to the Jesus-like discipleship (how many people are engaged, what obstacles there are, etc.)
* Details are described: leader(s), participants, timeframe, fervency, subjects, methodology, tools.
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**Formation of the final mark**

The written assignment (DM plan) is accomplished according to the assessment criteria.

**Study flow**

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|  | **Content and methods** |
|  25 contact hoursMay 15-17 | 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 od discipleship in our local churches. |
| 27 hours of independent work  |  Disciple making plan |
| June 5th  |  *Due date of the DM plan* |
| June 12th | *The course is closed* |

**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>