



The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

33860 CT: Church Multiplication Strategies (Sojourn Network Conference)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

An advanced course in church planting focusing on the missiological (biblical, theological, and strategic) foundations of church multiplication.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The student will articulate the core theological and biblical foundations of church planting.
2. The student will identify the fundamental principles of establishing and creating a multiplying church.
3. The student will critically analyze and interact with an existing church's strategy for multiplication.
4. The student will be able to eventually implement learned principles into the development of a strategic church multiplication plan

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Conference attendance and participation.** Students will engage in and report on *all* plenary sessions and the breakout sessions they select at the *Sojourn National Conference* (October 24-26). For **each** of these sessions, the student must provide a ½ page summary that includes their **three** primary takeaways (formatting is flexible and may include paragraph form, bullet-points, etc.). **Due November 4.**
 - A. **Conference debrief.** Students will meet with the professor for a debrief of the conference (45-60 minutes). This meeting will take place at the conference (exact time and location to be announced).
2. **Apostolic Church Strategy Paper.** Using the Bible as the only source, students must complete a 4-6 page paper responding to the question: "*Did the Apostolic Church Have a Strategy for Global Disciple-Making?*" Papers will be graded primarily on how well the student interacts with the biblical text in proving or disproving that the Apostolic Church had (or did not have) a strategy for global disciple-making. **Due October 31.**

3. **Case Study of a Multiplying Church.** Students will write an 8-10 page research paper on a multiplying church (church must be approved by the professor). If the student serves on staff at a church, they may **not** choose their own church). The paper should assess the following:
 - A. Characteristics of the primary leader.
 - B. Leadership structure and polity.
 - C. An examination of the church’s multiplication methodology (analyzing its strengths and weaknesses), including a comparison to and interaction with the course’s reading material. **Due November 14.**

4. **Book Summary.** For each chapter of the *Redeemer Church Planting Manual*, students will list **3** primary takeaways that they could implement in their own church planting efforts. The manual is sixteen chapters; thus, the students will submit a list (in sentence or bullet-point form) of 48 statements categorized according to chapter. **Due November 14.**

5. **Reading Report.** At the end of the semester, students will submit a reading report for **each** of the four required texts stating the following: “*Based upon my own integrity and truthfulness before the Lord, I have read _____ pages of (name of the book).*” **Due November 14.**

REQUIRED TEXTS

- *Redeemer Church Planting Manual* – Keller and Thompson
- *Planting Missional Churches* – Ed Stetzer
- *Planting Churches Cross-Culturally* – Hesselgrave
- *Total Church* – Chester and Timmis

COURSE GRADING/EVALUATION

Conference attendance/participation/debrief	15%
Apostolic Church Strategy Paper	20%
Case Study Paper	30%
Book Summary	15%
Reading Report	20%