

SEMINAR SYLLABUS
CESE8301 Transitioning to a Vision-Driven Church
Atlanta, Georgia
Doctor of Ministry Special Event
October 8-10, 2008

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Seminar Description

The purpose of this seminar is to expose students to a variety of topics specific to “Next Generation Leaders,” including organizational leadership, integrity, character, relationships, and teamwork, among others. Students will attend the Catalyst Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, October 8-10, 2008. The Catalyst Conference is about shaping leaders in the church, presenting the next big ideas, practices and content. Catalyst exists to ignite passion for Christ and develop leadership potential in the “Next Generation,” equipping them to engage and impact our world. Every year, 10,000 next generation leaders converge on Atlanta for the Catalyst Conference.

This course requires a \$195 class fee (Catalyst Conference fee) in addition to the tuition. Your account will be assessed this fee.

Objectives

- At the completion of the course, students should be able to demonstrate:
1. An understanding of what it will take to be a “Next Generation Leader”
 2. The ability to observe and evaluate good characteristics of an effective leader
 3. The ability to assess their own personal qualities as a leader
 4. Knowledge of specific resources available to disciple others in the church
 5. An understanding that spiritual leadership results from a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ

Textbooks

Cymbala, Jim. 2002. *The church God blesses*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan

Hawkins, Greg, and Cally Parkinson. 2007. *Reveal: Where are you?* Barrington, IL: Willow Creek Association

Kinnaman, David, and Gabe Lyons. 2007. *Unchristian: What a new generation really thinks about christianity...and why it matters*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books

Maxwell, John. 1997. *The success journal*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson

Seminar Requirements

1. Conference: Attend the pre-conference labs (Wednesday) and conference (Thursday and Friday). Because of the nature of this event, all conferences must be attended.
2. Textbook Readings: Read the 4 textbooks and submit a signed statement indicating you have read each book.
DUE DATE: Hand delivered (at conference site) or postmarked no later than October 10.
3. Event Evaluation : Type a 3-5 page paper evaluating the event. Include in your evaluation the pre-conferences, conference, speakers, resources presented and displays.
DUE DATE: Postmarked no later than October 17.
4. Book Reviews: Choose two books (ones you have not read) from the Selected Bibliography. Identify 10 quotes from each book which are significant statements for you and your ministry. Type a 2-3 page paper for each book stating how the book can be useful to you in your ministry.
DUE DATE: Postmarked no later than November 7.
5. Critique Paper: Type an 8-10 page paper evaluating your leadership qualities based on handout, "Elements of a Catalyst Leader." This handout will be given out and discussed further at our meeting on Wednesday.
DUE DATE: Postmarked no later than November 14.
6. Application Strategy: Based on what you learned, type a 7-10 page paper on specific ways you can implement the ideas/strategies from the conference in your current ministry. Include all notes of the conference at the end of your paper.
DUE DATE: Postmarked no later than December 5.

Basic Turabian style (*Turabian 6th edition*) should be considered when preparing any work for this seminar. The book review and papers are to be typed. Grammar will be considered in the grading of papers. Papers will be graded based on 80% content and 20% grammar.

Seminar Evaluation

Conference	20%
Textbook Readings	15%
Event Evaluation	10%
Book Reviews	15%
Critique Paper	20%
Application Strategy	20%

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

Arrive Atlanta

10:30am	Class Meeting (location TBA)
12:30pm	Opening Session & Pre Conferences
5:30pm	Break
7:30pm	Evening Sessions

Thursday, October 9, 2008

8:00am	Conference Begins
5:30pm	Conference Concludes

Friday, October 10

8:00am	Conference Begins
5:30pm	Conference Concludes

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