

**Ministering to Persons in Crisis**  
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**NOBTS Mission Statement**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

**Division of Christian Education Mission Statement**

The mission of the Division of Christian Education Ministries is to equip servant leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries by stimulating personal and spiritual growth of students and faculty, providing quality academic training, exploring the practical dynamics of Christian Education Ministries, and evaluating all that is done by using the mission and core values of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Purpose Statement**

The purpose of the seminar is to equip ministers to assist persons in crisis. Among the crises that will be addressed are: divorce, death, child abuse, neglect, adoption, children with special needs, miscarriages, infertility, abortion, drug abuse, domestic violence, alcoholism, substance abuse, addictions, blended families, infidelity, pornography, elder abuse, eldercare, grandparents rearing grandchildren, and others.

## **Seminar Objectives**

When students have completed this seminar they will be able to:

1. Identify basic guiding principles for ministering to persons in crisis at varying developmental levels.
2. Develop an awareness of crises frequently experienced by persons in ministries.
3. Explore the possible roles of the church in ministering to individuals in crisis.
4. Present a ministry plan, appropriate for use in the local church, that addresses a particular crisis situation.
5. Demonstrate an ability to implement the basic guiding principles for ministering to persons in crisis. The ability should be reflected in the completion of objective 4.

## **Required Textbooks: choose 5**

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## **Course Requirements**

Pre-Seminar Assignments:

1. Each student will read the five of the seven required textbooks. For each of the texts the student will prepare a three-page critique of strengths and weaknesses of the author's presentation, noting areas of personal agreement or disagreement and stressing application of the ideas presented to his/her personal ministry. These book critiques are due on the first day of the seminar.
2. Each student is to develop a presentation of approximately 60 minutes in length on a crisis issue facing persons in the twenty-first century. The topic of each student's presentation is to be agreed on with the professors prior to the seminar. The student should be prepared to provide each member of the seminar with printed resources related

to the presentation. Guiding a discussion and responding to questions by other members of the seminar is an additional expectation of the presentation.

#### During the Seminar Assignments

3. Each student is expected to attend and participate fully in seminar.
4. Each student will present the topic agreed upon in item 2 and guide the subsequent discussion.

#### Following the Seminar Assignments:

5. Each student will contract with the professor to develop a personal ministry project addressing an identified crisis facing persons in his/her church or ministry situation. A report of the project is to be postmarked by October 15, 2009 . The report should include a title page, table of contents, body of paper, conclusion, and recommendations for further study.

#### Directed Study Requirements:

In addition to the previously stated requirements, the student will:

6. Submit two additional critical reviews of books chosen in consultation with the professor.
7. Prior to the seminar, submit a video-taped presentation involving a crisis issue facing twenty-first century persons (see assignment 2). The student will follow the same guidelines as the students presenting in class. The video will be viewed by other participants during the course of the seminar.

#### **Course Evaluation**

*Class Involvement	20%
Textbook Critiques	20%
Class Presentations	30%
Project	30%

\*Class involvement grade will be determined by regular attendance and regular informed participation.

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# Fall Semester Bible Reading Plan

## September 1, 2009 – December 19, 2009

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Genesis 1:1-2:25, Matthew 1:1-25, Psalm 1:1-6, Proverbs 1:1-4
- 2 Genesis 3:1-4:26, Matthew 2:1-23, Psalm 2:1-6, Proverbs 1:5-6
- 3 **Genesis 5:1-6:2**, Matthew 3:1-17, Psalm 2:7-12, Proverbs 1:7
- 4 Genesis 7:1-9:7, Matthew 4:1-20, Psalms 3:1-8, Proverbs 1:8-9
- 5 Genesis 9:8-10:32, Matthew 4:21-5:12, Psalm 4:1-8, Proverbs 1:10-14
- 6 **Genesis 11:1-12:20**, Matthew 5:13-32, Psalm 5:1-6, Proverbs 1:15-16
- 7 **Genesis 13:1-15:6**, Matthew 5:33-6:4, Psalm 5:7-12, Proverbs 1:17-19
- 8 Genesis 15:7-17:27, Matthew 6:5-24, Psalm 6:1-5, Proverbs 1:20-23
- 9 Genesis 18:1-19:22, Matthew 6:25-7:12, Psalm 6:6-10, Proverbs 1:24-27
- 10 Genesis 19:23-21:21, Matthew 7:13-8:4, Psalm 7:1-8, Proverbs 1:28-31
- 11 Genesis 21:22-23:20, Matthew 8:5-27, Psalm 7:9-17, Proverbs 1:32-33
- 12 Genesis 24:1-54, Matthew 8:28-9:17, Psalm 8:1-9, Proverbs 2:1-5
- 13 Genesis 24:55-26:11, Matthew 9:18-38, Psalm 9:1-6, Proverbs 2:6-8
- 14 Genesis 26:12-27:29, Matthew 10:1-20, Psalm 9:7-12, Proverbs 2:9-10
- 15 Genesis 27:30-29:12, Matthew 10:21-42, Psalm 9:13-20, Proverbs 2:11-15
- 16 Genesis 29:13-30:43, Matthew 11:1-19, Psalm 10:1-6, Proverbs 2:16-19
- 17 Genesis 31:1-55, Matthew 11:20-12:8, Psalm 10:7-12, Proverbs 2:20-22
- 18 Genesis 32:1-33:20, Matthew 12:9-37, Psalm 10:13-18, Proverbs 3:1-2
- 19 Genesis 34:1-35:29, Matthew 12:38-13:9, Psalm 11:1-3, Proverbs 3:3-4
- 20 Genesis 36:1-43, Matthew 13:10-35, Psalm 11:4-7, Proverbs 3:5-6
- 21 Genesis 37:1-38:30, Matthew 13:36-58, Psalm 12:1-5, Proverbs 3:7-8
- 22 Genesis 39:1-41:7, Matthew 14:1-21, Psalm 12:6-8, Proverbs 3:9-10
- 23 Genesis 41:8-42:4, Matthew 14:22-15:9, Psalm 13:1-6, Proverbs 3:11-12
- 24 Genesis 42:5-43:14, Matthew 15:10-39, Psalm 14:1-7, Proverbs 3:13-14
- 25 Genesis 43:15-44:34, Matthew 16:1-20, Psalm 15:1-5, Proverbs 3:15-16
- 26 Genesis 45:1-46:27, Matthew 16:21-17:13, Psalm 16:1-6, Proverbs 3:17-18
- 27 Genesis 46:28-48:22, Matthew 17:14-18:9, Psalm 16:7-11, Proverbs 3:19-20
- 28 Genesis 49:1-50:26, Matthew 18:10-35, Psalm 17:1-5, Proverbs 3:21-24
- 29 Exodus 1:1-2:25, Matthew 19:1-22, Psalm 17:6-12, Proverbs 3:25-26
- 30 Exodus 3:1-4:31, Matthew 19:23-20:19, Psalm 17:13-15, Proverbs 27-28

### OCTOBER

- 1 Exodus 5:1-6:30, Matthew 20:20-21:11, Psalm 18:1-6, Proverbs 3:29-32
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