

**Worship and Healthy, Evangelistic Church Growth  
PROFESSIONAL DOCTORAL SEMINAR**

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**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.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this seminar is to lead students to explore biblical and contextual factors of worship with specific application to the setting of the local Church and implications for the improved health and evangelistic growth of the Church. Seminar participants will study, experience, and assess worship from a variety of perspectives.

**Core Value Focus**

The primary core competencies addressed are spiritual vitality and mission focus. The course will focus both on worship and evangelism.

**Curriculum Competencies Addressed**

The primary curriculum competency addressed is disciple-making. Worship evangelism involves two facets of disciple-making, both worship and evangelism.

**Course Description**

This course is an integrative course designed to identify and address key issues confronting ministry in the 21st century church in a holistic manner. Attention will be given to determining how various ministry disciplines can work together and be packaged to develop healthy ministers and churches. This course is to be taken during the student's final year of study.

**Objectives**

1. Students will be able to articulate a personal theology of worship as it pertains to the healthy, evangelistic, growing Church. The theology will have a biblical base.
2. Students will be exposed to multiple models of worship (in reading and by experience) in order to better understand and discuss 'styles' of worship.
3. Students will clarify the role of worship in the evangelism of unsaved people.
4. Students will develop skill in assessing the worship experiences of their own congregation as it relates to the community around them.
5. Students will design a strategy to educate the people of their own Church regarding worship in the healthy, evangelistically growing Church.

## Course Methodology

- I. Research. Students will engage in extensive research under the direction of the professor(s). Research will include both literature and experienced based components.
- II. Presentations. Students will make interesting and creative presentations of the findings of their research to seminar participants.
- III. Discussion. There will be a full discussion of the issues raised by the lectures, research, and presentations.
- IV. Lectures. Brief lectures from the professors will provide necessary clarity to seminar presentations and discussions.

## PRE-SEMINAR ASSIGNMENTS

1. Each student will read the four required books and one additional assigned book. For the required texts, each student will write a 1000-word ministry reflection paper on each book (use third person). The reflection paper should focus on a brief synopsis of the book and particular insights drawn from the work which have potential for implementation in the student's ministry context.

For the individually-assigned book the student will write a formal book review. The individual book assignments will be distributed by the professors once the enrollment period is complete.

### Required:

*Worship Evangelism: Inviting Unbelievers into the Presence of God*. Sally Morgenthaler. Zondervan, 1995 & reprint 1999.

*Beyond the First Welcome Visit*. Gary McIntosh, Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2006.

*Holy Gatherings: A Leader's Guide for Engaging the Congregation in Corporate Worship*. Michael Sharp and Argile Smith. Denver, CO: Outskirts Press, 2009.

*Worship Matters: Leading Others to Encounter the Greatness of God*. Bob Kauflin, Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2008.

Students are expected to read all materials thoroughly and should be prepared to sign a statement indicating completion of this assignment.

### Individually Assigned Books from this list (others may be used at the discretion of the professors):

*Ancient-Future Faith: Rethinking Evangelicalism for a Postmodern World*. Robert E. Webber. Baker Books, 1999.

*Unceasing Worship: Biblical Perspectives on Worship and the Arts*. Harold M. Best. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2003.

*Authentic Worship: Hearing Scripture's Voice, Applying Its Truths* Herbert W. Bateman IV. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 2002.

*Boiling Point: How Coming Cultural Shifts Will Change Your Life.* George Barna & Mark Hatch. Ventura, CA: Regal, 2001.

*Experiential Worship: Encountering God with Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength* Bob Rognlien. Colorado Springs: Nav Press, 2005.

*Emerging Worship: Creating Worship Gatherings for New Generations* Dan Kimball. El Cajon, CA: emergentYS Books, 2004.

*Preaching with Conviction: Connecting with Postmodern Listeners* Kenton C. Anderson. Grand Rapids: Kregel Books, 2002.

*America's Worship Wars.* Terry W. York. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 2003.

*Transitioning.* Dan Southerland. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1999.

*Lost and Found.* Ed Stetzer, Richie Stanley and Jason Hayes. Nashville: B & H Publishing, 2009.

*Becoming a Healthy Church.* Stephen Macchia. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1999.

2. Each student will prepare a formal book review on one assigned book (assignments to be prior to class session). The formal book reviews should include: (1) Title page, Table of Contents, etc.; (2) A brief synopsis of the messages of the book; (3) A critical analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the messages of the book; (4) An evaluation of the degree to which the author accomplishes the stated purpose; and (5) Three to five new things you have learned from this work that you can apply in your future ministry. Emphasis should be placed upon the student's interaction with the content, rather than a written summary of the material. Reviews should be third-person and meet Turabian form and style standards.
  
3. Each student is to conduct and report on interviews.
  - (1) Interview 3 staff members from other churches regarding their use or lack of use of their worship service as an evangelistic tool. Preferably the student will interview one or more staff members of churches that have successfully transitioned their worship services to be more culturally connected. The student is to develop the questions.
  - (2) Interview 7 laypersons in the student's church regarding their view of their worship service. The student is to inquire in the following areas...
    - a. What do you view as the purpose of our primary worship service?
    - b. What do you view as a strength of our primary worship service?
    - c. What do you view as the area(s) which could be improved in our worship service?
    - d. Is there something the church could improve/change, which would cause you to be more likely to invite your neighbors and friends?
    - e. To you, how do you determine when your church has been successful in the worship service?

Following the interviews, the student is to write a summary report of both sets of interviews. Note: Although no specific page requirements are given, the student is expected to adequately and succinctly cover the interview material.

4. Each student will assess two alternative styles of worship (Baptist or non-Baptist) available to people in their geographical area. *These should be different from the styles incorporated in the observer's home church.* The student should make arrangements to:  
(1) Attend a worship experience at each of the two alternative style models (preferred) or  
(2) Secure a video tape of the worship service from the alternative style models (allowed). Afterwards, students should prepare a 2-3 pages per church reflection paper to present to the seminar. The papers should reflect both a description of the worship style observed and how these services might be perceived by a non-churched individual. Additionally, from an outsider's perspective, the observer should reflect his/her own emotional responses and thought patterns during the event. Did you connect? How did the leadership and/or format help or hinder you from doing so?
5. Students may be assigned chapters from one of the textbooks for discussion by the whole seminar. Each student will facilitate the discussion, under the assumption that all students have read the material. Leading the discussion should be both creative (visuals, etc.) and participatory (small groups, discussion, etc.) and should be planned around a twenty to thirty minute block of time.

All pre-seminar work is due on the first day of the seminar, **October 19, 2009.**

### **DURING SEMINAR ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Each student will be responsible for leading a portion of the seminar in a discussion of the following:
  - (A) A chapter from one of the textbooks AND
  - (B) Report on individually assigned reading during the session (see #2 in Pre-Workshop assignments).
2. Each student will be responsible for leading a portion of the seminar in a discussion of their study and experience of alternative styles of worship (see assignment 4 above).
3. Each student will share findings from the interviews (see assignment #3 above)
5. Students will assess one or more *virtual* worship experiences (by video) during the seminar. The assessment will be made using the article, "Was it Worship?" from *Leadership*.
6. Each student will participate in a group discussion of prominent themes in the text *Worship Evangelism*.

## POST SEMINAR ASSIGNMENTS

1. Using the resources of the seminar experiences, students will develop a worship assessment instrument to be employed in their own churches. Students should enlist a variety of key leaders to complete the instruments for two consecutive weeks. Every effort should be made to secure the confidentiality of responses. Afterwards, students will prepare an objective review of the state of authentic worship in their church as pertains to the health and evangelistic growth of their churches. Students will submit this report with two components:
  - a. The worship assessment instrument (as designed for use in this project)
  - b. An interpretation of the raw data results, with projected suggestions for implementation to improve deficiencies as noted.
  
2. In response to this objective analysis, students should design one of the following:
  - A. Four sermon briefs for a four-part sermon series that teaches the Church about the subject of worship, informed by the completed analysis.
  - B. Four lesson plans for a four-session training event to be taught to the Church family on the subject of worship, informed by the completed analysis.
  
3. Each student will prepare a 1500-2000 word position paper on the subject “The Intersection of the Ministries of Corporate Worship and Evangelism-Church Growth in the Local Church.” The paper should include biblical support and address a variety of theological areas (for example, soteriology, Christology, ecclesiology, etc.) and communicate the student’s personal philosophy of worship as it relates to evangelism in the worship or evangelism debate.

All post-seminar work is due in the digital drop box on Blackboard no later than **November 21, 2009.**

**Special Invitation:** A FALL PLAN FOR READING THE BIBLE HAS BEEN INCLUDED. OUR CORE VALUE EMPHASIS FOR THIS YEAR AT NOBTS IS SPIRITUAL VITALITY. DR. KELLEY IS INVITING THE ENTIRE SEMINARY FAMILY TO READ THE BIBLE THROUGH TOGETHER. THERE IS NO FORMAL GRADE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY BUT STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.

### **Fall Semester Bible Reading Plan September 1, 2009 – December 19, 2009**

#### SEPTEMBER

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|---|---|
| 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  
2 Exodus 7:1-8:32, Matthew 21:12-27, Psalm 18:7-12, Proverbs 3:33-35  
3 Exodus 9:1-10:20, Matthew 21:28-46, Psalm 18:13-19, Proverbs 4:1-2  
4 Exodus 10:21-12:36, Matthew 22:1-22, Psalm 18:20-24, Proverbs 4:3-4  
5 Exodus 12:37-14:20, Matthew 22:23-46, Psalm 18:25-29, Proverbs 4:5-6  
6 Exodus 14:21-16:20, Matthew 23:1-22, Psalm 18:30-36, Proverbs 4:7-9  
7 Exodus 16:21-18:27, Matthew 23:23-39, Psalm 18:37-42, Proverbs 4:10-13  
8 Exodus 19:1-20:26, Matthew 24:1-14, Psalm 18:43-50, Proverbs 4:14-17  
9 Exodus 21:1-22:20, Matthew 24:15-35, Psalm 19:1-6, Proverbs 4:18-19  
10 Exodus 22:21-24:18, Matthew 24:36-51, Psalm 19:7-14, Proverbs 4:20-22  
11 Exodus 25:1-26:14, Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 20:1-9, Proverbs 4:23-24  
12 Exodus 26:15-28:14, Matthew 25:14-30, Psalm 21:1-7, Proverbs 4:25-27  
13 Exodus 28:15-29:25, Matthew 25:31-26:5, Psalm 21:8-13, Proverbs 5:1-2  
14 Exodus 29:26-30:38, Matthew 26:6-25, Psalm 22:1-5, Proverbs 5:3-6  
15 Exodus 31:1-32:35, Matthew 26:26-50, Psalm 22:6-10, Proverbs 5:7-8  
16 Exodus 33:1-34:35, Matthew 26:51-75, Psalm 22:11-15, Proverbs 5:9-10  
17 Exodus 35:1-36:19, Matthew 27:1-23, Psalm 22:16-21, Proverbs 5:11-14  
18 Exodus 36:20-37:29, Matthew 27:24-44, Psalm 22:22-26, Proverbs 5:15-17  
19 Exodus 38:1-39:31, Matthew 27:45-66, Psalm 22:27-31, Proverbs 5:18-20  
20 Exodus 39:32-40:38, Matthew 28:1-20, Psalm 23:1-6, Proverbs 5:21-23  
21 Leviticus 1:1-3:17, Mark 1:1-20, Psalm 24:1-10, Proverbs 6:1-3

- 22 Leviticus 4:1-5:19, Mark 1:21-45, Psalm 25:1-7, Proverbs 6:4-5
- 23 Leviticus 6:1-7:21, Mark 2:1-22, Psalm 25:8-15, Proverbs 6:6-8
- 24 Leviticus 7:22-8:36, Mark 2:23-3:12, Psalm 25:16-22, Proverbs 6:9-11
- 25 Leviticus 9:1-11:12, Mark 3:13-35, Psalm 26:1-7, Proverbs 6:12-15
- 26 Leviticus 11:13-13:17, Mark 4:1-20, Psalm 26:8-12, Proverbs 6:16-19
- 27 Leviticus 13:18-14:14, Mark 4:21-41, Psalm Ps 27:1-6, Proverbs 6:20-22
- 28 Leviticus 14:15-15:12, Mark 5:1-20, Psalm 27:7-14, Proverbs 6:23-26
- 29 Leviticus 15:13-16:34, Mark 5:21-43, Psalm 28:1-5, Proverbs 6:27-29
- 30 Leviticus 17:1-19:10, Mark 6:1-20, Psalm 28:6-9, Proverbs 6:30-31
- 31 Leviticus 19:11-20:27, Mark 6:21-46, Psalm 29:1-6, Proverbs 6:32-33

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Leviticus 21:1-22:33, Mark 6:47-7:16, Psalm 29:7-11, Proverbs 6:34-35
- 2 Leviticus 23:1-24:23, Mark 7:17-37, Psalm 30:1-6, Proverbs 7:1-3
- 3 Leviticus 25:1-55, Mark 8:1-21, Psalm 30:7-12, Proverbs 7:4-5
- 4 Leviticus 26:1-46, Mark 8:22-9:1, Psalm 31:1-8, Proverbs 7:6-8
- 5 Leviticus 27:1-34, Mark 9:2-29, Psalm 31:9-18, Proverbs 7:9-12
- 6 Numbers 1:1-54, Mark 9:30-50, Psalm 31:19-24, Proverbs 7:13-17
- 7 Numbers 2:1-3:16, Mark 10:1-22, Psalm 32:1-7, Proverbs 7:18-21
- 8 Numbers 3:17-4:20, Mark 10:23-45, Psalm 32:8-11, Proverbs 7:22-23
- 9 Numbers 4:21-5:31, Mark 10:46-11:11, Psalm 33:1-9, Proverbs 7:24-27
- 10 Numbers 6:1-7:29, Mark 11:12-33, Psalm 33:10-17, Proverbs 8:1-3
- 11 Numbers 7:30-89, Mark 12:1-27, Psalm 33:18-22, Proverbs 8:4-5
- 12 Numbers 8:1-10:10, Mark 12:28-44, Psalm 34:1-7, Proverbs 8:6-7
- 13 Numbers 10:11-11:35, Mark 13:1-20, Psalm 34:8-14, Proverbs 8:8-9
- 14 Numbers 12:1-14:4, Mark 13:21-37, Psalm 34:15-22, Proverbs 8:10-13
- 15 Numbers 14:5-45, Mark 14:1-21, Psalm 35:1-10, Proverbs 8:14-17
- 16 Numbers 15:1-41, Mark 14:22-42, Psalm 35:11-16, Proverbs 8:18-19
- 17 Numbers 16:1-50, Mark 14:43-72, Psalm 35:17-21, Proverbs 8:20-21
- 18 Numbers 17:1-19:8, Mark 15:1-21, Psalm 35:22-28, Proverbs 8:22-24
- 19 Numbers 19:9-21:9, Mark 15:22-47, Psalm 36:1-6, Proverbs 8:25-26
- 20 Numbers 21:10-22:41, Mark 16:1-20, Psalm 36:7-12, Proverbs 8:27-29
- 21 Numbers 23:1-24:25, Luke 1:1-23, Psalm 37:1-6, Proverbs 8:30-31
- 22 Numbers 25:1-26:22, Luke 1:24-56, Psalm 37:7-13, Proverbs 8:32-33
- 23 Numbers 26:23-65, Luke 1:57-80, Psalm 37:14-20, Proverbs 8:34-36
- 24 Numbers 27:1-28:31, Luke 2:1-20, Psalm 37:21-26, Proverbs 9:1-2
- 25 Numbers 29:1-30:16, Luke 2:21-38, Psalm 37:27-33, Proverbs 9:3-6
- 26 Numbers 31:1-54, Luke 2:39-52, Psalm 37:34-40, Proverbs 9:7-9
- 27 Numbers 32:1-42, Luke 3:1-20, Psalm 38:1-8, Proverbs 9:10-12
- 28 Numbers 33:1-56, Luke 3:21-38, Psalm 38:9-14, Proverbs 9:13-15
- 29 Numbers 34:1-35:34, Luke 4:1-21, Psalm 38:15-22, Proverbs 9:16-18
- 30 Numbers 36:1- Deuteronomy 1:46, Luke 4:22-44, Psalm 39:1-6, Proverbs 10:1-2

## DECEMBER

- 1 Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29, Luke 5:1-20, Psalm 39:7-13, Proverbs 10:3-5
- 2 Deuteronomy 4:1-49, Luke 5:21-6:11, Psalm 40:1-5, Proverbs 10:6-8
- 3 Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25, Luke 6:12-36, Psalm 40:6-10, Proverbs 10:9-11
- 4 Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20, Luke 6:37-7:10, Psalm 40:11-17, Proverbs 10:12-14
- 5 Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22, Luke 7:11-35, Psalm 41:1-6, Proverbs 10:15-17
- 6 Deuteronomy 11:1-12:19, Luke 7:36-8:3, Psalm 41:7-13, Proverbs 10:18-21
- 7 Deuteronomy 12:20-14:21, Luke 8:4-25, Psalm 42:1-11, Proverbs 10:22-25
- 8 Deuteronomy 14:22-16:22, Luke 8:26-56, Psalm 43:1-5, Proverbs 10: 26-27
- 9 Deuteronomy 17:1-19:13, Luke 9:1-22, Psalm 44:1-8, Proverbs 10:28-30
- 10 Deuteronomy 19:14-21:23, Luke 9:23-45, Psalm 44:9-16, Proverbs 10:31-32
- 11 Deuteronomy 22:1-23:25, Luke 9:46-62, Psalm 44:17-26, Proverbs 11:1-4
- 12 Deuteronomy 24:1-26:19, Luke 10:1-24, Psalm 45:1-5, Proverbs 11:5-6
- 13 Deuteronomy 27:1-28:14, Luke 10:25-11:4, Psalm 45:6-12, Proverbs 11:7-8
- 14 Deuteronomy 28:15-68, Luke 11:5-28, Psalm 45:13-17, Proverbs 11:9-11
- 15 Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20, Luke 11:29-54, Psalm 46:1-11, Proverbs 11:12-13
- 16 Deuteronomy 31:1-29, Luke 12:1-21, Psalm 47:1-9, Proverbs 11:14-15
- 17 Deuteronomy 31:30-32:52, Luke 12:22-40, Psalm 48:1-7, Proverbs 11:16-18
- 18 Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12, Luke 12:41-59, Psalm 48:8-14, Proverbs 11:19-21
- 19 Joshua 1:1-3:17, Luke 13:1-21, Psalm 49:1-9, Proverbs 11:22-23

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