



Grace Communion Seminary
CM01: Ministerial Leadership
Short Syllabus

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Course Description: Ministerial Leadership

This course develops concepts of knowing oneself and developing plans for growth in relational skills for service in ministry. Practical concepts of personal mission and development of leadership traits, communication and problem-solving skills are examined.

Required Texts:

Arterburn, Stephen, and Jack Felton. *More Jesus Less Religion*. Colorado Springs, CO: WaterBrook Press, 2000. ISBN: 1-57856-250-3.

Calhoun, Adele Ahlberg. *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2005. ISBN: 0-8308-3330-7.

Mulholland Jr., M. Robert. *Invitation to a Journey*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1993. ISBN: 0-8308-1386-1.

Course Learning Outcomes

GCS Student Learning Outcome 1:

Explain the revelation of the Bible in its historical and cultural setting as it relates to God, Jesus Christ and Salvation, and its application for faithful living today.

Course Student Learning Outcome 1:

Students will be able to express decision-making and problem-solving relative to scriptural instructions and examples for new Covenant Christians.

GCS SLO 2:

Reason from a sound theological basis as new covenant Christians centered in Trinitarian Incarnational faith.

Course SLO 2:

Student will reflect on how to live in the centrality of the Incarnation rather than in religiosity.

GCS SLO 3:

Model the love of God the Father, the grace of the Son Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit in congregations.

Course SLO 3:

Student will reflect on one's temperament as it affects close relationships with God and family and in relationships in ministry.

Course SLO 4:

Student will evaluate one's most favored spiritual disciplines and those most needed to balance one's spiritual life.

GCS SLO 4:

Conduct the work of pastoral ministry in witness to and representation of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Course SLO 5:

Student will evaluate one's strengths and weaknesses in ministry service.

Assignments:

Review Paper: *Invitation to a Journey* (3-5 pages; double-spaced)

Journal and Review: *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*

Review Paper: *More Jesus, Less Religion* (3-5 pages, double-spaced)

Project: Compilation of assessment tools and personal analysis (developed as the course progresses).

Topics of Lectures:

1. Biblical Concepts of Leadership
2. Perception of Leadership Skills
3. Stress of Leadership
4. Personal and Financial Well-being
5. Psycho-social Well-being
6. Family Leadership
7. Characteristics of the Leader
8. Effective Listening Skills for Leaders
9. Communication of the Leader
10. Problem-solving for the Leader