Course Description

2 hours. This course explores the intersection of missions, discipleship, and personal relationships for the purpose of helping Christian leaders improve their skills in relational evangelism, discipleship, and cross-cultural missions—a study into the meaning of missional soulcraft.

Course Objectives

- To discover a biblical theology of significant interpersonal relationships.
- To conduct research into significant cross-cultural and interpersonal relationships.
- To develop a model or theory for the application of biblical discipleship that is both cross-cultural and relational.

Learning Strategies

- Theory: from Bible study, reading, and lectures.
- Experience: from fieldwork.
- Peer interaction and Prayer

Course Requirements

Class interaction and participation is critical to the success of the course. In addition to assigned readings (800 pp.) and class participation, each participant will conduct and record at least 6 sessions of interpersonal interaction with a person of a different culture or ethnicity. Evaluation of participation effectiveness will be according to the following scale:

- Class participation 25%
- Reading and reports 25%
- Field work 25%
- Integration paper (10-20 pp.) 25%
Required Reading


Tentative Schedule


2. Fieldwork proposal (outline to include what, who, where, when, how record, etc.), by week 3.

3. Weekly fieldwork process reports.


Part 1 A Biblical Philosophy of Relational Discipleship [Hull]

Part 2 Principles of Intercultural Communication [Dodd, Griffin]

Part 3 Soulcraft: How God shapes us through relationships. [Webster]

First assignment

Read Hull and be prepared to critique his model of discipleship and to discuss a biblical view of interpersonal discipleship.