

Course title: Evangelism

Course number: 6MS508

Course description: Experiential learning & Socratic discussion—students experience a different way of sharing and then discuss it in their own settings.

In today's been-there-done-that world, sharing the gospel presents unprecedented challenges. It's why, according to pollster George Barna, the average evangelical will never lead another person to Christ. The problem however isn't the saint; it's the system. Albert Einstein said you could never solve a problem using the same mind—or system—that created it. The solution is a new system since insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. In this course, you'll learn a new way of framing your faith... or actually an ancient way.

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Course purpose: Sharing the gospel in a been-the-done-that world

Assignments:

Evidence of interest—fully present—speaking up
Attendance at each class
Completion of all reading
One project

Required books:

Mike Metzger handouts

Rodney Stark, *The Rise of Christianity: How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant Religion in the Western World* (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco Edition, 1997) [215 pages]

Brian J. Walsh & J. Richard Middleton, *The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian World View* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1984) [186 pages]

Nancy Pearcey, *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity From It's Cultural Captivity* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2004) [388 pages]

Robert McKee, "Story Telling That Moves People," Harvard Business Review, June 2003 [4 pages]

“North Atlantic Community, European Community: Divergent paths and common values in Old Europe and the United States,” a speech delivered by Michael Novak for the F.A. Hayek Foundation in Bratislava, Slovakia on July 3, 2003 [12 pages]

Recommended books:

Weaver, Richard. 1948. *Ideas Have Consequences*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press [187 pages]

Louis Menand, *The Metaphysical Club* (New York, NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2001) [442 pages]

Lesslie Newbigin, *The Gospel in a Pluralistic Society* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1989) [244 pages]

RTS grading scale:

What conscience dictates—determined by roundtable

Lecture topics:

February 1	Sequencing
February 8	The Four-Chapter Gospel
February 22	The Four-Chapter Gospel
March 1	Four Corners of the Puzzle
March 8	Why Institutions Matter
March 15	The Front of the Rim

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