



CM506 Trinitarian Youth Ministry

Short Syllabus

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Course description

This course examines the relationship of theology and youth ministry practice as it has developed in North America. The course explores the centrality of Jesus in all ministry in the relationship that Jesus already has with young people. That relationship is explored in its post-Christian, postmodern cultural context, with an emphasis on the importance of mentoring as a relational/incarnational tool in youth ministry.

Estimated workload: For a student to do well in this course, the student will need to invest a total of 135 hours, or about 10.5 hours per week of reading, participating on the website, and writing papers.

Required textbooks

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *The Cost of Discipleship*. New York: Touchstone, 1959. ISBN: 978-0-648-81500-8 (sells for about \$10).

Root, Andrew. *Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2007. ISBN: 978-0-8308-3488-4 (sells for about \$13).

Torrance, Thomas F. *The Mediation of Christ*. Helmets & Howard, 1992. ISBN 0-939443050-3 (sells for about \$14).

Whitfield, Charles. *Boundaries and Relationships: Knowing, Protecting and Enjoying the Self*. Deerfield Beach: Health Communications, 1993, ISBN 1-55874-259-X (sells for about \$8).

Please obtain these books before the class begins. To find the lowest prices on these books, you may find it helpful to use www.bookfinder.com.

Requirements and assignments

1. **Read the lessons.** Lessons will be posted each Monday for the first ten weeks.
2. **Participate.** In most courses, part of the learning that occurs comes through discussion and interaction with other students. In an online class, this is done through comments posted on a discussion forum. This counts for 60 percent of the final grade.
3. **Read the textbooks.** They total about 518 pages, or about 50 pages each week.
4. **Paper.** This counts for 10 percent of the final grade. We estimate that you will need about 2 hours to work on this paper.
5. **One final report.** This counts for 30 percent of the final grade. We estimate that you will need about 45 hours to work on this project – an average of 4 hours per week – some weeks more, some less.