



Disciple-Making Special Event

Professional Doctoral Seminar – CESE8306
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Spring Semester **April 8-9, 2024**

Disciple Leaders Network, Annual Conference
Jonesboro, GA
(Conference held at FBC Jonesboro GA)

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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Course Description

This doctoral seminar is built around selected conferences, teaching church events, and/or meetings that emphasize the disciple-making mission of the church. The purpose of this seminar is to expose the students to selected contemporary models or practices of disciple-making in the local church. Special attention will be given to disciple-making in home groups, marketplace groups, and mid-sized groups.

Student Learning Outcomes

In order to fulfill the objectives of the seminar and prepare to serve churches more effectively by the end of the course, you should:

1. Attend conferences, take appropriate notes, and assess the implications of presentations to a variety of areas of the disciple-making ministry.
2. Evaluate the key issues raised through presentations concerning the deeper elements of philosophy and principles of the disciple-making ministry.
3. Participate in seminar meetings, discussing current trends and classic methodologies in light of conference presentations.
4. Identify transferable components of presentations and generate a strategy to appropriately contextualize them into your ministry setting.

Required Textbooks

Lake, Mac *The Multiplication Effect: Building a Leadership Pipeline that Solves Your Leadership Shortage*. Thomas Nelson. 2020. Kindle Edition

Skipper, Levi. *Resolved: 31 Resolutions of a Disciple's Life* 2015. Kindle

Supplemental Textbooks

Braddy, Ken and Allan Taylor. *Building a Disciple-Making Ministry: The Timeless Principles of Arthur Flake for Sunday School and Small Groups*. LifeWay Press. 2020.

Davis, Charles. *Making Disciples Across Cultures: Missional Principles for a Diverse World*. Intervarsity Press, 2015. 978-0830836901

Guidon, Brandon and Bill Hull. *Disciple-Making Culture: Cultivate Thriving Disciple-Makers Throughout Your Church* HIM Publications 2022.

Harrington, Bobby and Alex Absalom. *Discipleship that Fits: The Five Kinds of Relationships God Uses to Help Us Grow*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2016.

Ogden, Greg. *Transforming Discipleship: Making Disciples a Few at a Time*, 2nd ed. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2016

Seminar Requirements

Conference Fee: In addition to tuition, course requires an additional conference fee.

<https://churchteams.com/m/Register.asp?a=Q285YWVZL29wZ1E9>

Registration and additional conference information and details available online at

<https://www.discipleleaders.com/conference/>

Housing and Meals: All travel, room and extra meal costs are the responsibility of the student. You will need to make your personal arrangements. The Disciple Leaders Network Annual Conference will be hosted at First Baptist Church Jonesboro, GA. Numerous motels are in the area.

Before the Seminar

Due April 4, 2024

- 1. Top Ten Disciple-Making Principles.** (20%) You will read at least *The Multiplication Effect* and *Resolved: 31 Resolutions of a Disciple's Life*, and at least 3 books from the supplemental textbooks list. Critically review the selected textbooks and discern/distill the information into an annotated list of 10 principles or practices (3-4 paragraphs for each point) most relevant to your current context or future endeavors in discipling. A header may be used in lieu of a formal title page and parenthetical references are permitted.
- 2. Disciple-Making Interviews.** (15%) Interview three pastors, staff or ministry leaders to determine their experience in and strategy for disciple-making. Investigate the history of their disciple-making journey and the strategy they currently pursue. Discover how they are responding to the cultural changes in the American church field, especially related to making disciples. Submit a 4-5 page synopsis of your findings including at least one page of reaction and response to the interviews.
- 3. Personal Assessment.** Take the Disciplemaker Assessment at: <http://church-multiplication.com/disciplemaker/> Be prepared to discuss your profile. Include your response in your reflection paper. (Assignment #6).

During the seminar

- 4. Seminar Participation:** (20%) Actively participate in all sessions of the conference. Take thorough notes on all sessions attended in order to be able to save and organize them for future use. You are expected to attend the introductory seminar meeting on the morning of the conference (Monday 8:30- 9:30am) and a follow up (debriefing session) after the close of day one (Monday 7:30pm) and a final check in at the final break on Tuesday. Be sure to make appropriate travel arrangements Note: The seminar actually begins with the receipt of the syllabus and continues through the material completed after the two-day conference. The conference schedule available at

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Following the seminar

- 5. Annotated Bibliography.** (10%) You will prepare an annotated bibliography based upon the conference presentations. This bibliography will include at least ten (10) resources, (books, journal articles, blogsites, and curricula) that the student believes inform the issues that were raised in the conference. While students are not expected will read each work completely, a 3-5 sentence summary/analysis/critique/application paragraph should accompany each entry.

Due: April 26, 2024

- 6. Reflection Paper.** (25%)

Due: May 3, 2024

Prepare and submit a 5 to 6 page Reflection Paper (double-spaced, typewritten, and in Turabian form) identifying, comparing and contrasting topics raised in the conference. Include a reflection on the impact and implications of these topics for your current ministry setting. Include at least two key ideas or strategies that you will initiate in your ministry context. Include any necessary proper citations and a bibliography.

Course Requirements

All papers should be double-spaced and formatted according to the NOBTS Style Guide <https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/styleguide.pdf> and the 8th edition of Turabian (footnotes, headings/subheadings, margins, pagination, cover page, etc.)

Evaluation

Ten Principles	20%
Interviews	20%
Attendance & Participation	25%
Annotated Bibliography	10%
Reflection Paper	25%
Total	100%

Selected Bibliography

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