

ZMTI 129 Personal Evangelism

At the end of the course students will be able to:

- Recognize the urgency and importance of personally sharing your faith.
- Effectively communicate with clarity the Gospel message.
- Share their faith both inside and outside their context.
- Identify the most effective ways to remove the barriers of effective evangelism.

Text for the course, *The Art of Personal Evangelism* by Will McRaney.

Course Requirements:

- Attendance. Participants must attend a minimum of 80% of classes to receive a passing grade.
- Participation in Class Discussions
- During the 5th OR 6th week participants will share their faith with at least one non-Christian using the tools they have learned in the class. Participants will write a 2 paged double spaced paper sharing their experience. In the paper give a report & result of the experience as well as insights that will help you be more effective the next time you share your faith. What did you learn from the experience? Due week 7. **(Plagiarism is cheating.)**

Class Schedule:

Week 1- Introduction to syllabus; Understanding God's Involvement (Chapter 1)

Week 2- Understanding your Role (Chapter 2)

Week 3- Clarifying the Gospel Message (Chapter 3)

Week 4- Making the Gospel Make Sense (Chapter 4) Instructors will teach 3 circles evangelism tool.

Week 5- Communicating Inside & Outside your Context (Chapters 5-6)

Week 6- Conversation Tips in Personal Evangelism (Chapter 7)

Week 7-Removing Barriers & What's Next (Chapters 8-9) **Paper is Due.**

Week 8- In the final week of class, participants will share their evangelistic experience with the rest of the class.

Spend some time discussing the various experiences so participants can learn from other's encounters.

Grades will be based on the following:

Class Discussion Participation 20%

Assigned Readings 20%

2 Page paper on evangelistic event 60%

Total 100%

Additional Resources (Not Required): *Evangelism Outside the Box* by Rick Richardson; IVP, 2000. *The Gospel in a Pluralistic Society* by Lesslie Newbigin; Eerdmans Publishing, 1989. *Communication Theory for Christian Witness* by Charles H. Kraft; Orbis Books, 1991. *Evangelism in a Skeptical World* by Sam Chan; Zondervan, 2018.

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