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## Course description

### Prayer Revolution: *rebuilding church and city through prayer*

This course is a study in training yourself and others in gospel-centred, missional prayer. *This course is designed for prayer leaders, pastors, planters, and ministry leaders who want to disciple their team/church in prayer. This training will equip you to lead others in prayer in any ministry context.* This will help you develop praying leaders... leaders who develop praying churches... churches that pray for the city. Featuring key readings on prayer, questions for personal reflection and group interaction, and prayer points to guide prayer practice, you'll be challenged to come back to the heart of prayer, the gospel and mission. Each lesson contains practical tools in developing new or deeper prayer habits, personally and corporately.

Topics include:

- biblical prayer patterns
- prayer lists
- prayer maps
- prayer walking
- identifying prayer needs of your city
- prayer progress evaluations
- missional prayer accountability groups
- fasting and prayer

Prayer Revolution will help you train others and build a culture of prayer, right from the beginning of the life of a church or ministry, through to maturity.

#### Required Readings:

*Taking Hold of God* edited by Joel Beeke and Brian G. Najapfour, Reformation Heritage Books, Grand Rapids MI, 2011

*The Struggle of Prayer* Copyright 2018 by Donald G. Bloesch published by Helmers and Howard, Colorado Springs. CO.

*Disruptive Prayer* Copyright © 2018 by John F. Smed Published by Prayer Current  
Vancouver, BC CANADA

*Calvin's Institutes* book III chapter 20- ON PRAYER- A PERPETUAL EXERCISE OF FAITH. *Any edition*

#### Classroom Texts:

*Prayer for the City Bootcamp.* 2019 edition (available November 30,2019), Published by Prayer Current

Vancouver, BC CANADA

*Leading Dynamic Prayer.* Copyright 2015, Justine Hwang and John Smed. Published by Prayer Current

Graded Assignments

Classroom participation 30%

Two, 10 page papers will be assigned each 35% of final grade.

Choose two from these three topics:

1. Showing familiarity with Calvin's entire treatment of prayer in Book III chapter xx of the Institutes, write a 10 page paper on the Lord's Prayer section. Outline his essential points, and apply them to your present context, church, city and nation. Out of these insights, write a two page version of the Lord's Prayer for today.
2. In *The Struggle for Prayer*, Daniel Bloesch makes a strong distinction between three types of prayer: primitive prayer, mystic prayer, and prophetic prayer. Write a 10 page paper outlining the differences between (and where they agree). Compare and contrast this with the kinds of prayer that are promoted and prevalent in the church and among Christians today.
3. In *Disruptive Prayer*, John Smed argues that with every advance of Christ's kingdom, whether church revival or urban renewal, in biblical or present times, the movement is ignited and sustained by earnest and united prayer. In the sequence of mission expansion, prayer is invariably the first stage. Demonstrating a familiarity with Smed's overall thesis that church revival and urban renewal start with prayer, turn the thesis into an exhortation for the church in this city. Add examples and testimony from the present context.

#### Outline of the course:

The first third of the course will focus on the prayer life of a leader. There will be several 'plug and play' exercises, including evaluation and training, for personal and church application.

The second third of the course will concentrate on how to bring prayer into the artery of a church/ mission culture. When leaders 'lead from the knees' the church will follow. Again, there will be several 'plug and play' exercises, including evaluation and training, for personal and church application.

The final third of the course, will build on the first two, as we demonstrate how praying leaders build praying churches, and praying churches pray their way into the their neighborhood and city. Again, there will be several 'plug and play' exercises, including evaluation and training, for personal and church application.