**COURSE OF STUDY (ALPS-MTH COS)**

 **COS 523**

 **EVANGELISM**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

This course will explore the development of a solid theology of evangelism and the keys to becoming an evangelizing church, by shaping and sharing a vital faith.

**TEXTS:**

Eddie Fox and George Morris, Faith Sharing

Mortimer Arias, Announcing the Reign of God: Evangelization & The Subversive Memory of Jesus

**COURSE ASSIGNMENTS (Also called “Pre-Work”)**

1. Read completely the book by Morris and Fox. Then, choose 3 chapters that were meaningful to you and write out your answers **in complete form** to the “Reflect and Act “ questions that appear at the end of those chapters. Make sure you clearly designate which chapters you are choosing and write complete answers to the questions.
2. Read the book by Arias. Write 2 papers of 4-6 pages each.

Paper #1: Write a paper that highlights Arias’ definition of evangelization and then expound upon how he presents Jesus’ evangelization in terms of The Kingdom of God, covering his presentation of the presence, the imminence, and the in-breaking of the Kingdom.

Paper #2: Write a paper that summarizes his presentation of Announcing the Kingdom as gift, hope, and challenge.

1. Based on your reading of Arias write a paper of 2-3 pages that explains why he thinks there has been an “eclipse” of the Kingdom and if you feel there is hope that this eclipse can be overcome to create a new beginning for faithful evangelism to reemerge.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURES:**

* All zoom class sessions are required on the zoom weekends. Your instructor will email you a welcome letter with zoom links in preparation for the zoom weekends. You will receive a welcome letter prior to the first weekend of courses. If you do not receive this at least 10 days prior to the first weekend, please email your instructor. You will receive videos with links to watch to prepare for the weekends that are not in person. Instructions for the video viewing and partner discussions will be given. The class syllabus may only list major written assignments. Other assignments may be given such as videos to watch prior to or in between zoom weekend classes. All online courses include required prework, zoom class sessions on weekends, and written assignments. Some courses include videos and lectures to watch and/or partner discussions, and handouts.
* **ZOOM sessions REQUIRE** your video to be on and working in order to satisfy the participation and attendance requirements. If you do not/cannot have the ability to do this then contact someone you know who does and ask to use their technology for the course.
* Prework is required for all COS courses. **Prework must be MAILED to the instructor and postmarked 10 days prior to the first Friday zoom class weekend session--unless an earlier date for Prework is specified in the syllabus.** MAIL your prework to the instructor sooner than 10 days ahead if it is finished. The 10 days allows for slow mail and grading prior to your first weekend class. Priority mail provides you with a tracking number. **Do not send it “signature required”.**
* Normal church duties do not constitute a reason for a **Pre-work Extension**. Extensions for late prework for health emergencies, etc. may only be granted BY Dr. Nye by email bnye34@gmail.com . Withdrawals or changes must be addressed to Dr Nye.
* **Order textbooks** as soon as you register at least 45 days prior to class (if possible 3-6 months prior to class), so you have adequate time to process your registration and do your prework on time.

These policy and procedures including writing expectations, assignment deadlines, and other general course information can be found on the ALPS website.