ADVANCE Ministry Preparation

Sponsored by Gateway Seminary
CLE 2999 Ministry Leadership Experience: Understanding and Teaching Genesis – 1 Hr
Fall 2021
7-10PM on June 18, June 25, and July 7

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Ministry Leadership Experience: Understanding and Teaching Genesis is designed to utilize the content of the "Origin of the Heavens and the Earth" bible conference as a launching point for a guided learning experience. This free bible conference to be held on Friday June 18 and Friday June 25, 2021 on Zoom, together with an exclusive debriefing for students this course on Friday July 7, 2021 on Zoom, gives one academic credit based on attendance, notes, a post conference dialogue, and a personal reflection paper.

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

Every year, Crosspoint Church organizes a free bible conference. The Origin of the Heavens and the Earth bible conference this year will feature Dr. Fook Kong Wong, Old Testament Professor at Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Wong will lecture on the interpretation of Genesis 1-11, covering the biblical accounts of the six-day creation, the origin of mankind, the Garden of Eden, the Fall, the Flood, and the Tower of Babel. Dr. Wong holds a ThD from Harvard University.

The annual bible conference at Crosspoint Church is normally held in the Milpitas main campus and open to all Chinese Christians in the Bay Area. Because of COVID-19, the conference this year will be meeting on Zoom instead.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After taking this course:

- Students will develop a deeper understanding of the subject matters addressed at this conference, the interpretative frameworks of Genesis.
- Students will develop perspectives of the integration of Christian worldview and modern scientific perspectives.
- Students will develop skills necessary for teaching Genesis at church and explaining the Christian view of Creation in an apologetic or evangelistic context.

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS

1. Pre-conference Introductory Video and Reading (10%)

- Students will watch an 1-hour introductory video and read excerpts from several related articles.
- Students will take an online open-book mulitple-choice quiz based on the introductory video and reading.

2. Conference Attendance, Notes, and Reflection Paper (60%)

Using their notes and dialogue from the public conference on June 18 and 25, students should write a reflection paper of 3 to 5 pages, double spaced, in Chinese or English. The paper should include:

- Key points of each session attended.
- Personal reaction to the information presented.
- Application to local church ministry.
- Key points learned from post conference dialogue.

3. Group Debriefing Dialogue and Ministry Application Forum (30%)

Students will participate in a group debriefing dialogue and ministry application forum on July 7 to reflect on what they learned at the conference and share the most impactful moments, best practices, and takeaways. Special attention will be given to teaching the subject matters at church as well as approaching them in an apologetic or evangelistic setting.

GRADING SCALE

A 94-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D 65-69
A- 90-93	B 83-86	C 73-76	F 0-64
	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	