

BIBL 525: The Book of Exodus

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July 30 - August 3, 2018; 1:30 - 4:30 pm

1 or 2 graduate credit hours; or 1 audit hour

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The book of Exodus is the real story of a community being reshaped and renewed under the lordship of Yahweh. Explore Exodus through a missional lens, discerning how the story displays God's heart for the most vulnerable and inspires imaginative leadership. Trace the narrative arc from Yahweh's emancipation of Israel from slavery in Egypt through to his action in bringing the nation to Mt. Sinai to receive his laws.

Through workshops and discussion, uncover how ancient Israel was nourished to live as a contrastive community of justice and love in the sight of the nations surrounding them. Engage in close readings of the text in order to understand the exodus event, the character of Israelite law, and the character of God. Consider how we ourselves can read Exodus as people who are called to mission, and tease out the many implications of the book of Exodus for worshipping communities and for society today. We will ask: what does biblical law teach us about seeking justice? What practices can we glean from Exodus that may form and sustain communities defined by mission?

SPECIAL NOTES

Before the course commences, please read the full text of the book of Exodus.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Consider the ethical implications of the narrative arc of the Exodus event and of the law, both as these appear in the text and also in their potential to shape missional communities today.
2. Receive inspiration and direction from Exodus for their own missional community and for their own creative leadership.
3. Teach and preach the content of Exodus, understood through a missional lens.
4. Teach others how ancient Israel was nourished to live as a contrastive community of justice and love in the sight of the nations surrounding them.
5. From engaging Exodus, imaginatively consider communal practices that may sustain missional communities.
6. Apply skills of exegesis to other biblical texts.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 The exodus event

Day 2 The exodus event

Day 3 The wilderness, Sinai, the Ten Commandments

Day 4 The torah, Exodus 21-24

Day 5 The tabernacle, Exodus 25-40

REQUIRED TEXTS

The Book of Exodus

Wright, Christopher J. H. *Old Testament Ethics and the People of God*. Leicester: IVP, 2004. (Chapters 2-8)

Book Report Texts (2 credit hour students only)

Brueggemann, Walter. *The Land: Place as Gift, Promise, and Challenge in Biblical Faith*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1977.

Meyers, Carol. *Exodus*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Stager, Lawrence E. "The Archaeology of the Family in Ancient Israel." *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 260 (1985): 1-35.

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