



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE COLLEGE

JM502

IDENTITY OF THE LEADER – A THEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

This sample unit outline is provided by CHC for prospective and current students to assist with unit selection.

Elements of this outline which may change with subsequent offerings of the unit include Content, Required Texts, Recommended Readings and details of the Assessment Tasks.

Students who are currently enrolled in this unit should obtain the outline for the relevant semester from the unit lecturer.

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| Unit code | JM502 | |
| Unit name | Identity of the Leader – A Theological Investigation | |
| Associated higher education awards | Master of Ministry Leadership | |
| Duration | One semester | |
| Level | AQF Level 9 | |
| Unit coordinator | Dr Stephen Beaumont | |
| Core/elective | Core | |
| Weighting | Unit credit points: 10cp | Total course credit points: 80cp |
| Student workload | Face-to-face on site | External |
| | Timetabled hours: 40 | Directed study hours: 40 |
| | Reading and study hours: 60 | Readings and study hours: 60 |
| | Assignment preparation hours: 50 | Assignment preparation hours: 50 |
| | Total hours per unit: 150 | Total hours per unit: 150 |
| | Students requiring additional English language support are expected to undertake an additional one hour per week | |
| Delivery mode | Face to Face on site External | |
| Pre-requisites/ co-requisites/ restrictions | Prerequisites: Nil Co-requisites: Nil Restrictions: Nil | |
| Rationale | <p>A leader's identity contributes greatly to the way they lead themselves and others. The continued re-evaluation of the leader's understanding of self within their specific context enhances greater effectiveness.</p> <p>Within the ministry context, Scripture informs that humanity is made in the image and likeness of God. Without a progressive understanding of that image and likeness, the identity of the ministry leader is limited and, therefore, their ministry can be restricted. It is through a theological investigation of the 'Imago Dei' and 'Missio Dei' that a better understanding of godly identity and resultant ministry is provided. Ministry leaders therefore have a responsibility to continuously re-examine their own theological premises of identity together with the broader understanding of the characteristics and traits of leadership from contemporary models and theories.</p> | |
| Prescribed text(s) | <p>Lints, R, Horton, MS & Talbot (eds.) 2006, <i>Personal Identity in Theological Perspective</i>, Eerdmans, Grand Rapid, MI.</p> <p>Middleton, JR 2005, <i>The Liberating Image: The Imago Dei in Genesis 1</i>, Brazos Press, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>As per Moodle Forums and Intensive handouts.</p> | |

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| <p>Recommended readings</p> | <p>Bryant, A & Kazan, AL 2012, <i>Self-Leadership: How to Become a More Successful, Efficient, and Effective Leader from the Inside Out</i>, McGraw-Hill, New York, NY.</p> <p>Gorman, MJ 2009, <i>Inhabiting the Cruciform God: Kenosis, Justification, and Theosis in Paul's Narrative Soteriology</i>, Eerdmans, Cambridge, UK.</p> <p>Heuser, R & Shawchuck, N 2010, <i>Leading the Congregation: Caring for Yourself While Serving the People</i>, rev edn, Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN.</p> <p>Hill, G (ed.) 2012, <i>Salt, Light and a City: Introducing Missional Ecclesiology</i>, Wipf & Stock Publishers, Eugene, OR.</p> <p>Howell, D 2003, <i>Servants of the Servant: A Biblical Theology of Leadership</i>, Wipf & Stock, Eugene, OR.</p> <p>Lounibos, J 2011, <i>Self-emptying of Christ and the Christian: Three Essays on Kenosis</i>, Wipf & Stock Publishers, Eugene, OR.</p> <p>Mengestu, AM 2013, <i>God as Father in Paul: Kinship Language and Identity Formation in Early Christianity</i>, Pickwick, Eugene, OR.</p> <p>Nengean, I 2013, <i>The Imago Dei as the Imago Trinitatis: Jürgen Moltmann's Doctrine of the Image of God</i>, Peter Lang, New York, NY.</p> <p>Robinson, D 2010, <i>Understanding the "Imago Dei": The Thought of Barth, von Balthasar and Moltmann</i>, Ashgate, Farnham, UK</p> <p>Seamands, S 2006, <i>Ministry in the Image of God: The Trinitarian Shape of Christian Service</i>, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL.</p> <p>Tucker, BJ 2011, <i>Remain in your Calling: Paul and the Continuation of Social Identities in 1 Corinthians</i>, Pickwick, Eugene, OR.</p> <p>In addition to the resources above, students should have access to a Bible, preferably a modern translation such as <i>The Holy Bible: New King James Version (NKJV)</i>.</p> <p>This translation and many others may be accessed free on-line at http://www.biblegateway.com. The Bible app from LifeChurch.tv is also available free for smart phones and tablet devices.</p> |
| <p>Specialist resources requirements</p> | <p>Nil</p> |
| <p>Content</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theological interaction with "Imago Dei" 2. The ministry leader as participant in "Missio Dei" 3. The likeness of God as origin of moral qualities 4. Identity in Christ (kenosis, atonement, sanctification) 5. Co-missional perspective of a divine call toward informing leadership identity 6. Examining and realigning personal belief systems for leadership (motives, values, priorities, vision) 7. Theological investigation or perspectives of success 8. Conclusions and implications – reframing personal leadership identity |
| <p>Learning outcomes</p> | <p>On completion of this unit, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critically reflect on theological underpinnings for identity formation of the leader; 2. Analyse and critically evaluate their own current theological paradigms of God and self; 3. Construct a redefined theological framework for personal leadership identity; 4. Demonstrate and critically reflect on the integration and application of this theological framework in identity formation; and 5. Communicate at an appropriate tertiary standard with special attention to correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, usage, sentence structure, logical relations, style, referencing and presentation. |

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| Assessment tasks | <p>Task 1: Reading Reflections</p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 6x300 words and forum interactions 6x150 words</p> <p>Weighting: 30%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 1-6</p> <p>Assessed: Weeks 1-5, 7, 11</p> <p>Task 2: Comparative Review</p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 2,000 words</p> <p>Weighting: 30%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 1, 5</p> <p>Assessed: Week 9</p> <p>Task 3: Personal Profile</p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 3,500 words</p> <p>Weighting: 40%</p> <p>Leaning Outcomes: 2-5</p> <p>Assessed: Week 13</p> |
| Unit summary | <p>The unit re-examines the identity of the ministry leader within a theological framework as a participant together with God within the 'Missio Dei' in order to provide greater effectiveness for leadership.</p> |

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