

SEMINARI THEOLOJI MALAYSIA – STM-TEE (YOUTH MINISTRY)

Youth Spiritual Formation & Discipleship

Date: 29 May – 2 June 2006 (Monday – Friday)

Lecturers: *Sivin Kit, Pastor, Bangsar Lutheran Church*
Sherman Kuek, Adjunct Faculty STM

Venue: STM, Seremban (Lecture Room 2)

DESCRIPTION:

In this course, students will be introduced the vision of spiritual formation in the context of youth ministry. Keeping the relational dimension at the core, the course will also explore various spiritual disciplines and practices to facilitate the process and progress of spiritual formation in the lives of the youth & youth leaders and the role of the spiritual guide/discipler in the context of authentic Christian community (i.e. relationships and friendships).

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. The Student would have gone through a contextual process reflecting on their current ministry in the light of the resources provided through the course.
2. The Student would be spurred to begin constructive thinking towards the future of their personal ministry and beyond.
3. The Student would have begun making concrete plans and steps towards implementing their learning in this course back into the context which they came from.

COURSE FORMAT:

This course will be offered in a one week format. Lectures and special presentations will examine key themes and characteristics of spiritual formation & discipleship for youth.

REQUIRED READING:

A minimum of 600 – 800 pages of reading from the following books:

Required Reading

1. *Revolution of Character: Discovering Christ's Pattern for Spiritual Transformation* by Dallas Willard with Don Simpson (available in SUFES and perhaps Equipper bookstore)

<http://www.navpress.com/Store/Product/1576838579.html>

(200pages)

2. *Soul Shaper: Exploring Spirituality and Contemplative Practices in Youth Ministry* (available in Glad Sounds)

<http://www.zondervan.com/Books/Detail.asp?ISBN=031025101X>

(230pages)

3. Spiritual Formation and Discipleship for Youth Reader by Sivin Kit
(?? Pages)
4. Kairos Monographs
 - a. Reinventing the Church (35pages)
 - b. Youth Challenge (35pages)

Recommended

1. *Postmodern Youth Ministry: Exploring Cultural Shift, Creating Holistic Connections, Cultivating Authentic Community* by Tony Jones

(I think Glad sounds has this book)

<http://www.zondervan.com/Books/Detail.asp?ISBN=031023817X>

2. Foster, Richard J. *Celebration of Discipline*. Harper Collins

4. Foster, Richard J. *Streams of Living Water*, Harper Collins

3. Four Views of Youth Ministry & the Church

Inclusive, Congregational, Preparatory, Missional, Strategic

Mark H. Senter III (general editor), Wesley Black, Chap Clark, Malan Nel

<http://www.youthspecialties.com/academic/books/4views.php>

3. Practicing Passion: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church by [Kenda Creasy Dean](#)

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0802847129/104-5631534-3084759?v=glance&n=283155>

5. Willard, Dallas. *Renovation of the Heart*. Navpress

6. Clinton, J. Robert. *Connecting*,

7. Anderson, Reese. *Spiritual Mentoring*. IVP

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Students will complete a one-page double space Font 12 Times Roman (400 words) reading review for 1 books.
2. Reflection exercises (complete the questions – progressively completed I the course of the week)
3. Students will write paper, addressing the topics of the course (2000 words).
... 8 to 10 topics will be given by me at the beginning of the course.

- Grading will be based on 25% class & reflection exercises participation (Daily Reflection Exercises), 25% reading reports (1 Book), and 50% final paper (1 Paper).

PREREQUISITES: None.

RELATIONSHIP TO CURRICULUM: Core subject in the Youth Ministry Track of the TEE Course.

FINAL EXAM: None.

Course Outline (all sessions by Sivin unless noted)

Preparation:

1. Orientation

Where have we been?

2. Our Context/s
3. Our Church/s

Where are we going?

4. Spiritual Formation I: Theological Perspectives (**Sherman**)
5. Spiritual Formation II: A Spiritual Transformation Model Part A
6. Spiritual Formation III: A Spiritual Transformation Model Part B

How will we get there?

7. Spiritual Practices I: *Contemplative approaches*
8. Spiritual Practices II: *Bodily approaches*
9. Mentoring I: *Paradigm (Sherman)*
10. Mentoring II: *Practice*
11. The use of Small Groups & Our Youth Ministry Model
12. Intergenerational Perspective of Youth Ministry
13. The use & misuse of Technology & Media (e.g. Internet, blogging & Movies)

Next Steps

14. The Road Ahead: Planning for the next 3-5 years, possible trends to come?
15. Course Reflection & Closing Feedback