



CLASS OUTCOMES

1. See the Bible in a new way, as “God’s story”.
2. Discover how God is calling you to be part of “his story”.
3. Discover how Christian Missions have impacted the world throughout history.
4. Understand how the carrying out of The Great Commission has changed over the centuries.
5. Discover how culture and ethnicity impact our understanding of mission
6. Experience a cross cultural serving opportunity (if possible with Covid restrictions)
7. Experience a cross cultural religious event.
8. Experience a small group experience within the class time.
9. Become familiar with at least one mission partner, looking at how they approach at least one of the four perspectives.



CLASS FORMAT

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Small groups time each class. People will stay in same small group throughout and have opportunities as a group.

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Open to youth as well as adults.

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Meet January 10–March 21, 2021 (Will add on March 28 if needed)
Easter is April 4.

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Meet Sundays after church/fellowship at 11AM.

CLASS SCHEDULE

January 10 - Introduction to "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement"

The introduction will give guiding principles for fulfilling the Great Commission to bring the Gospel to all the peoples of the world, including our own nation and community. It will also include an introduction to the term, "World Christian Movement".

Speaker: Rev. Dan McNerney

January 17 - Biblical Perspective: Part 1

The purpose of the Biblical Perspective is to illustrate the Biblical relevance of serving God as a part of the World Christian Movement, even in our own culture. Participants will be invited to thread their lives into that ongoing story, God's story of bringing people to himself.

Article: John Stott, "The Bible in World Evangelization."; Tim Dearborn, "Beyond Duty"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac

January 24 - Biblical Perspective: Part 2

The purpose of this session will be a continuation of the Biblical Perspective of the Great Commission to bring the Gospel to peoples of all nations.

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Boaz Rajkumar Johnson

January 31 - Historical Perspective: Part 1

The purpose of the Historical Perspective is to give a brief overview of the history of missions beginning a few decades after the death of Christ and continuing to the present.

Articles: William Carey, "An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens."

Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Azumah

February 7 - Historical Perspective: Part 2

The purpose of the Historical Perspective is to give a brief overview of the history of missions beginning a few decades after the death of Christ and continuing to the present.

Articles: K. K. Yeo, "So Great a Salvation: Soteriology in the Majority World"

Speaker: Guest Lecturer



February 14 - Cultural Perspective: Part 1

The purpose of the Cultural Perspective is to understand and see the power of Christlike incarnational bridge building through relationships: from fear, through love to faith.

Articles: Don Richardson, "Redemptive Analogy."; Paul G. Hiebert, "Clean and Dirty: Cross Cultural Misunderstandings in India."

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Boaz Rajkumar Johnson

February 21 - Cultural Perspective: Part 2

In this session Rev. McNerney will focus on building bridges of love. God's messengers sent into new cultures are successful because of the bridges of love they build in their relationships in significant moments of life experiences together. This experience of love is the bridge to being introduced to Christ and receiving Christ's invitation to living under Christ's lordship.

Articles: Wee Hian Chua, "Evangelization of Whole Families."; Ken Harkin and Ted Moore, "The Zaraban Breakthrough."

Speaker: Rev. Dan McNerney

February 28 - Strategic Perspective: Part 1

The purpose of the Strategic Perspective is to introduce students to different mission strategies used to reach unreached people with the Gospel. Among the strategies are the "Seven Principles for Beginning Christward Movements."

Article: Donald A. McGavran, "A Church in Every People: Plain Talk about a Difficult Subject."

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tharwat Wahba

March 7 - Strategic Perspective: Part 2

This session will focus on strategies for reaching out to our Muslim neighbors

Speaker: Jamil

March 14 - Virtual Cross-Cultural Excursion

March 21 - Debrief, Project Presentation, Celebration

March 28 (Optional)



CLASS TEACHER BIOS:

- **Rev. Dr. Boaz Johnson-** Professor of Hebrew, Bible and Theological Studies, North Park University.
- **Rev. Dan McNerney** – Pastor/teacher, expertise in building cross cultural bridges, and initiated getting Perspectives translated into Arabic for Cairo Seminary. Staff of Frontier Fellowship.
- **Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac-** Academic Dean of Bethlehem Bible College in Palestine and Senior Pastor Christmas Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.
- **Rev. Jamil** - Served as the Acting General Secretary for International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) in 2019 and 2020. Originally from Tunisia he has expertise in student ministry, discipleship and evangelism in extremely different circumstances.
- **Rev. Dr. Tharwat Wahba-** As professor of mission, evangelism and church planting, he teaches Perspectives at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt and is Missionary Staff of the Outreach Foundation)
- **Rev. Dr. John Azumah-** born into a Muslim family became a Christian in high school and is highly regarded as an authority in Muslim Christian relations, particularly in Africa. He is currently the founder and Executive Director of The Sanneh Institute in Accra, Ghana as well as professor of World Religions at Yale Divinity School.

