**Catalyst University Semester 1 Term: Fall 2018**

**Instructor:** Pastor Erik Gustafson

\*This syllabus is subject to change

**Course Textbooks and Materials:**

Foster, Richard. *Celebration of Discipline*

Moreland, J.P. *Kingdom Triangle*

*The Truth Project* (Film)

**Costs for the 15-week course:** Prices for the books may vary based on the purchase of a new book on Amazon or a used book.

Additionally, there is a $25 fee for the Encounter Retreat on October 18, 20-21 at Blue Roof Church for those who have not taken the Cleansing Stream class or a formal equivalent. If you cannot make the Fall Encounter Retreat, there will also be a retreat at the same price offered in the spring, time and place TBD.

**Class Times:**  Sundays from 8:30 – 9:45 A.M. on the dates listed below:\*

9/9; 9/16; 9/23; 9/30; 10/7; 10/14; 10/21; 10/28; 11/4; 11/11; 11/18; 11/25; 12/2; 12/9; 12/16

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**Class Objectives:** Over 2500 years ago in the midst of turbulent times, the psalmist posed a most interesting question that offers a timeless challenge to believers in twenty-first century America: “If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?” This course seeks to answer this compelling question by inspiring students to engage twenty-first century culture with the gospel of the kingdom in alignment with their unique gifts, talents, passions, and station in life. Specifically, the curriculum within this course will focus on the following areas of study: Bible doctrines, developing a Christian worldview, developing personal spiritual disciplines, disciplining nations, and discovering one’s kingdom assignment. Upon completion of the curriculum, students should be able to “think Christianly while speaking secularly” to the compelling issues of the day and possess a greater clarity regarding their unique God-given assignment in the world.

**Expectations for Catalyst University students:**

* Students display a deep desire to learn, grow, and be stretched beyond their current spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical capacity.
* Students exhibit a personal devotional life that includes prayer, worship, and daily Bible reading
* Students complete all assigned course readings
* Students attend all classes – in the case of an absence, one can makeup the class by completing the assigned questions for that particular session
* Students read and apply the principles of *Celebration of Discipline* and write a two to three-page paper discussing how they will integrate the spiritual disciplines into their ongoing walk with Jesus
* Students complete an exercise journal chronicling their physical conditioning during the current week (as one’s level of health permits :0)
* Students complete an *Encounter Retreat* or an equivalent discipleship course prior to the conclusion of the curriculum (this only applies to those who have not already taken Cleansing Streams or a formal equivalent)

**Graduates of Catalyst University will…**

* Possess greater clarity concerning their kingdom assignment
* Be equipped for the work of the ministry according to their unique call and giftedness
* Possess a deeper awareness of worldviews and how Christianity applies to all aspects of culture
* Know how to think Christianly about all aspects of culture
* Recognize the importance of discipling their unique cultural area of influence with kingdom principles
* Experience a greater sense of purpose, meaning, and destiny in their work or school setting

**Evaluation:**

Final Exam 100 points

Total Points 100 points

**Grading Scale:**

90-100% of total points- A

80-89% of total points- B

70-79% of total points- C

60-69% of total points- D

**Class Rules & Etiquette:** Come to class on time with a great attitude to learn, grow, and to be challenged.

**Attendance Policy:** Coming to class is mandatory. Students cannot miss more than 3 class meetings.

**Course Assignments:** In the event of an absence, students must complete the assigned questions for that particular session and turn them in the following week.

**Session I – The Vision of Catalyst University – The Gospel and Discipling Nations (Sept. 16)**

The Compelling Question of Psalm 11:3

What Is A Catalyst?

The Traditional Church vs. the Missional Church

The Gospel of Salvation and the Gospel of the Kingdom

What Does It Mean To Disciple Nations?

How the Early Church Grew

Thinking Christianly While Speaking Secularly

**Homework:**

Matthew 5:13-16; Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:19-20

Exercise Journal

**Session II – The Hunger for Drama in a Thin World (September 23)**

**Homework:**

Moreland, *Kingdom Triangle*, Chapter 1

Exercise Journal

**Session III – The Naturalist Story (September 30)**

**Homework:**

Moreland, *Kingdom Triangle,* Chapter 2

Exercise Journal

**Session IV – The Postmodern Story (October 7)**

**Homework:**

Moreland, *Kingdom Triangle,* Chapter 3

Exercise Journal

**Session V – From Drama to Deadness in Five Steps (October 14)**

**Homework:**

Moreland, *Kingdom Triangle,* Chapter 4

Exercise Journal

**Session VI – The Recovery of Knowledge (October 21)**

**Homework:**

Moreland, *Kingdom Triangle,* Chapter 5

Exercise Journal

**Session VII – Renovation of the Soul (October 28)**

**Homework:**

Moreland, *Kingdom Triangle,* Chapter 6

Exercise Journal

**Session VIII – Restoration of the Kingdom’s Miraculous Power; The Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit (November 4)**

**Homework:**

Moreland, *Kingdom Triangle,* Chapter 7

Exercise Journal

**Session IX: The Truth Project – Veritology: What Is Truth? (November 11)**

**Homework:**

Exercise Journal

**Take Home Exam Assigned**

**Session X - The Truth Project – Philosophy & Ethics: Says Who? (November 18)**

**Homework:**

Exercise Journal

**Session XI: The Truth Project – Anthropology: Who Is Man? (November 25)**

**Homework:**

Exercise Journal

**Session XII: The Truth Project – The American Experiment: Stepping Stones (December 2 )**

Exercise Journal

**Session XIII: The Truth Project – Labor: Created to Create (December 9)**

**Homework:**

Exercise Journal

**Session XIV: The Truth Project – Community & Involvement: God Cares – Do I? (December 16)**

**Homework:**

Exercise Journal

**Take Home Exam Due**

**\*\*\*Remember, your *Celebration of Discipline* paper is due at the end of the second semester. However, you may turn it in at any time before then. :0)**