

FAQ about the Strategies for Evangelism in Canada short course, 2016
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- What subjects will be covered?

1. Introduction: the problem we face (Too few congregations to effectively evangelize Canada. And most of the ones we have are plateaued, shrinking, or dying.)
2. Biblical basis and Biblical principles of church growth
3. Analysis of Canadian culture and how to analyze your local culture
4. Strategies for connecting with Canadian culture and evangelizing Canadians
 - a. Building healthy churches: Twelve characteristics of healthy churches
 - b. Revitalizing existing churches
 - c. Planting growing churches

- Is the course Biblically-based?

I am deeply Biblically-oriented. The course combines Biblical principles and practical strategies (hammered out through years of research and practice).

- Is this course geared mainly for preachers, elders, and deacons?

I believe there is something in this course for all Christians, not just preachers, elders, and deacons. When I have taught the course in the past, anywhere from 1/3 to 3/4 of the participants have not been congregational leaders. The course is not primarily about personal evangelism (we have an Evangelism course that covers that). This course is primarily geared to strategies for evangelism on a congregational level. However, I deal with a number of things which will be helpful in individual evangelism (e.g. Christ-centered orientation, Biblical world-view, commitment to prayer, using your individual gifts, developing loving relationships, need-oriented evangelism, finding receptive people, connecting with congregational visitors, etc.).

- How many hours per day will class run?

One week, Monday through Friday, five-six hours per day not counting lunch.

- What is the cost for the course?

In 2016: Credit tuition: \$370.00. Non-credit tuition: \$185.00.
Cost of food and lodging at Camp Omagh for the week: \$100.00

- What are your qualifications to teach the course?

I believe I am qualified to teach this course by training, practical experience, and passion. I have an MTh in ministry and work toward a DMin. I have served in a full-time preaching ministry for many years, serving a variety of churches in the U.S. and Canada. The churches where I have worked have grown while I was there. I moved to Canada in 1996. I have taught Bible and ministry courses at Great Lakes Bible College since 2002—first as a part-time volunteer and now full-time. I am passionate about helping the church win lost people.