

BIBLEMESH MISSIONARY CERTIFICATE TRACK





Theological training that serves the mission.

"In today's world, a lot of missionaries are not coming through the traditional seminary model... With BibleMesh we can guarantee a base level of formal Bible education that we want to see missionaries have before they go out."

TED ESLER

President, Missio Nexus

Our Approach

There is an opportunity today to reimagine the approach to theological education.

The traditional model of relocating to a seminary campus for 3-4 years has, historically, been the standard. This model continues to be helpful. But serving missionaries well requires us to recognize that this format can be a barrier for some.

At BibleMesh, we work with organizations to create customized education journeys for students. Technology enables training tailored to an individual's needs. Our competency-based model focuses on candidates showing they have the necessary skills and knowledge for the missionary task.

Our approach is to deliver theological education with:

- Cohort-based experiences.
- Flexible course structures.
- Technology for learning pathways.
- Practical ministry outcomes.



GREAT COMMANDMENT

Love God and neighbor: Jesus tells us to love God and love our neighbors (Matthew 22:37–40).

There's nothing above that. The whole law is encapsulated by it. From start to finish, we want the commitment to love the Lord and love our neighbors to frame all our teaching and learning.



GREAT COMMISSION

Make disciples of all nations: A Great Commission theological education forms students to join God in his mission throughout all the world and equips the Church to make faithful disciples of Christ. We want to teach every subject unto this calling.



GREAT TRADITION

Faith once delivered to the saints: A Great Tradition theological education draws upon past wisdom, teaches students to be aware of their historical context, and forms a love for the ecumenical creeds and confessions of the faith. We want to learn from those who have gone before and treasure the wisdom of the Church through the centuries.

How could theological education enable cross-cultural missions?

Four essential categories that will shape a student studying with the BibleMesh institute.



01

BIBLICAL LITERACY

Theological education is about knowing God. Specifically, knowing him as he's revealed himself to us in history— through his written word, the Bible.

We need to know what the Bible says and be able to understand what it means. Simple proof texts from Scripture here and there is not enough. We need to understand the theological message of the Bible and the story God is speaking to us across the canon.

Learning this takes time and requires interpretive skill. We aim to teach the theological message of each book, as well as themes that resurface in various ways throughout the Old and New Testaments. Because of how God has revealed himself to us, biblical literacy is the cornerstone of theological education.

02

THEOLOGICAL FORMATION

When we think about the task of theology, many are eager to skip straight to systematics. We want a summary of what the Bible says about a given doctrine.

However, we urge a different approach - Start with Scripture and its own internal theological emphases and organization. This allows the Bible to show us how to think theologically on its own terms.

Once we are formed in the way to do theology according to Scripture, we can then proceed to the task of asking what the Bible says about more systematic categories, like God, humanity, and salvation.

Ultimately, this equips us to consider, how does Scripture change the way I see the world, who God is in relation to it, and what it means for my life today? That's the theological task.

03

CULTURAL CONTEXTUALIZATION

Every individual lives in a particular time, place, and culture in history. God's word speaks truly to us anytime, anywhere, and anyhow.

Our theological understanding and application of our beliefs takes place within a particular cultural setting. We need to know how to apply their biblical literacy and theological formation in a specific cultural context.

This affects how we approach and interpret Scripture. We need to develop not only the skills to read Scripture, but also read their culture. We teach students how to interpret and apply Scripture theologically, within a specific culture.

04

MISSIOLOGICAL MULTIPLICATION

The Great Commission is a call to proclaim what God has done, and equip others to do the same.

We aim to train students to read God's word and know it for themselves. But also to send them out with the skills to share that with others.

A theological education that's ordered by the Great Commandment, but not mobilized by the Great Commission, fails to be faithful to the one who has sent us out into His world to share the good news of His Gospel.

Overview

BIBLEMESH MISSIONARY CERTIFICATE TRACK

A foundational track of six courses that will:

- Teach students to read and interpret the Bible.
- Form them in historic Christian doctrines.
- Equip them to teach and disciple others in the faith.

Designed from the ground up to train students in nine core competencies essential to the missionary task. To accomplish this, students will complete practically oriented assignments. They will read deeply in the course curriculum, and develop their own resources for evangelism and discipleship.

We aim to equip students, not simply with facts about the Bible or Church history. Rather, they receive the skills to engage and apply the theology of the Old and New Testament, and learn what Christians have confessed about Christ for thousands of years. All in service to the missionary task.

AT A GLANCE

By the end of this track, students will have:

- Understood the task of theology and how to teach others to read and interpret the Bible.
- Developed their own overviews of the meaning and message of each book of the Bible.
- Identified the biblical foundations and historical roots of core Christian doctrines.
- Crafted strategies to teach the Bible and the Christian faith to others.
- Learned skills in contextualization and sharing the Gospel cross-culturally.
- Memorized 12 Scripture passages, the Apostles Creed, and Nicene Creed.



Curriculum

BIB350/550:

Intro to Theology and Bible

Interpretation provides a firm foundation for knowing God through the reading and interpreting of Scripture.

It prepares students for the theology explored in the rest of the certificate track. They will memorize the Apostles' Creed, and write essays on the sources of theology and why we trust the Bible.

The focus from the beginning is to apply learning to practical outreach strategies. This includes developing a teaching plan for discipling someone to read and interpret 1 John.

BIB206/506:

Old Testament Theology begins with the conviction that all of Scripture is a unified whole authored by God. The Bible presents a unified theological message about him.

Students will therefore wrestle with what the Old Testament means and how it forms Christians to join God in his mission.

Essays include: What is the relation of God's law to his global mission? How does the New Covenant anticipate Jesus and the Spirit's work in the New Testament? A portfolio of overviews of each division of the Old Testament completes the course.

BIB211/511:

New Testament Theology teaches students to read the New Testament in light of the Old Testament.

Students develop a theological framework of who Christ is and what he has done, within a trinitarian perspective.

Essays include themes of "kingdom" in relation to the missionary task, and union with Christ to salvation. They will complete a summary of key Christological passages and a portfolio project over each of the New Testament divisions.

THS204/604:

Intro to Christian Doctrine introduces the doctrines of God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Church, and Salvation.

Students will examine the biblical foundation and historical development of each doctrine. But also their significance for the Christian life.

The aim is to ground student's beliefs in the Bible, and early Church creeds, a special focus is given to who Jesus is, and what Christians believe about the Trinity.

REL205/506:

Intro to Biblical Worldview explores the key components of how individuals view and understand the world around them. Particular attention is given to how various religious or cultural contexts approach worldview.

The topics they cover include, the origin of the world, whether there is a God, goodness and morality, and our future destiny. Students are introduced to how a Christian worldview emerges from, and is accountable to, God's revelation in Scripture.

By the end of the course, students will have developed a basic worldview inventory of their current or future ministry context.

PTF206/506:

Intro to Evangelism and Missions equips students with the practical skills for sharing the gospel in cross-cultural ministry contexts. They will explore the biblical and theological foundations in evangelism, along with the essential contours of the Gospel.

Students must develop an evangelism strategy project and select a religion or worldview to specialize in: Islam, Hindu, Buddhist, Animist, Secular, or another custom selection.

To complete the course, students must implement their evangelism strategy and evaluate their experiences under the mentorship of experienced practitioners.



Who should enroll in this track?

01

Missionaries in training who need an affordable, flexible, and trusted solution to theological education.

02

Mission agencies who need an option for training their candidates in the foundations of biblical and systematic theology.

03

Missionaries and church planters who need an option for indigenous pastor or evangelist training for Christians in their ministry context.

Why should you consider the BibleMesh Institute?

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGY

We seek to provide trusted theological education resources with a firm commitment to the authority and inerrancy of Scripture.

EXPERIENCED PARTNERSHIPS

We work with over 10+ mission agencies to develop custom programs to fit their distinctives and train their people for ministry.

CREDENTIALIED TEACHING FELLOWS

Not the traditional online model. Students enroll in courses with one-on-one oversight by credentialed teaching fellows, who provide customized and personal instruction to help them meet the program competencies.

How can we help?



ASSESS

Identify biblical understanding and competency of candidates.



TRAIN

Study trusted courses mentored by devoted tutors.



CUSTOMIZE

Training Certificate tracks aligned to your mission.



GROW

In love for God and neighbor. Equipped to make Him known.

Partners

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