



BUS209 - 3 credits

Kingdom Entrepreneurs

Course Description

Christianity spreads fastest when Christians are not just proclaiming but also modeling the Gospel. In this course you will explore the thesis that globalization may be God's way of bringing business people – perhaps the largest and most underutilized segment of the Church – back into missions. You will examine several examples of businesses whose purposes include demonstrating and proclaiming the love of Christ to a hurting world. And you will seek the Lord for your role in this revolution in missions and evangelism.

Course Texts

Today's Tentmakers – J. Christy Wilson, Jr.

On Kingdom Business – Tetsunao Yamamori and Kenneth A. Eldred, editors

Great Commission Companies – Steve Rundle and Tom Steffen

Course Objectives

- You will quote the following Scripture passages:
 - ✓ Acts 18:3,4
 - ✓ Acts 20:34,35
 - ✓ I Corinthians 9:14,15a
 - ✓ II Corinthians 12:14b,15a
 - ✓ I Thessalonians 2:9 NASU
 - ✓ II Thessalonians 3:7-9
 - ✓ Acts 8:4
 - ✓ Isaiah 6:8
 - ✓ Ecclesiastes 10:10 NASU
 - ✓ Ezekiel 11:16 NASU
 - ✓ Psalm 67:2,7 TLB
- You will state and biblically support a theology of business as mission.

- You will state and discuss the six characteristics that define a “Great Commission Company.”
- You will state four assumptions which help define holistic Christian missions.
- You will discuss the place of business in the commission of the Christian community, which is to bring spiritual, social and economic transformation to the world.
- You will discuss three trends that help define “globalization.”
- You will state five principles the GCC will follow in its inception and growth.
- You will contrast the terms “unevangelized” and “unsaved.”
- You will define a “people group.”
- You will state and discuss the six steps in a typical GCC startup process.
- You will state and discuss four barriers that may prevent our taking Jesus to the marketplace.
- You will state seven characteristics of business leaders who are serious about taking Christ into the marketplace.
- You will discuss at least five ways in which business in itself can glorify God and is a reflection of biblical principles.
- You will quote the statement by A.W. Tozer found at the beginning of Chapter 6.
- You will define the “stakeholders” of a GCC and discuss the individuals and groups that would fall into this category.
- You will discuss the roles of the CEO and the board in the governing of a GCC.
- You will have an overview of the place of business in the history of the Church and the spread of the Gospel.
- You will learn the stories of Great Commission companies, and allow the Holy Spirit to teach you through their successes and challenges.

- You will discuss Jesus, Paul, Aquila and Priscilla as examples of kingdom entrepreneurs.
- You will examine your life, doing a personal inventory of your passions, abilities, qualifications and capacity to act.
- You will deliberately offer all your talents to the Lord to use in whatever way He desires.
- You will examine your own preparedness for being a successful businessperson and purpose to seek out and receive the training necessary to be the best you can be for the glory of God.
- You will prayerfully explore possible business missions, being open to the leading of the Lord for your life.
- You will realistically explore the problems common to developing nations and examine your own heart for any hindrances there might be to complete dependence on the Lord for daily solutions to these issues.

Course Requirements

1. Completely read *Great Commission Companies* by Steve Rundle and Tom Steffen, answering all questions found in the text.
2. Completely read *On Kingdom Business* edited by Tetsunao Yamamori and Kenneth Eldred, answering all related questions found here in your Student Notebook.
3. Completely read *Today's Tentmakers* by J. Christy Wilson, Jr. This is the classic book on the subject of business and missions work so it is important that you become familiar with it. There are no specific assignments for this book – you are to simply read it at your own pace throughout the course, being sure to complete it by the final lesson.
4. Visit each of the websites listed under Other Useful Resources on page 198 of *Great Commission Companies*. Prepare a report on what you learn, giving the following information about each organization represented:
 - a) The goal, purpose or mission statement.
 - b) A summary of what it is exactly that they do to fulfill their goal.
 - c) Their relationship to Great Commission Companies and Kingdom Entrepreneurs.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, CLU is training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
 - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
 - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
 - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
 - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

- d) Any ways in which you see that they may be helpful to you in fulfilling your calling.

This report is to be submitted to your instructor in Lesson Seven.

- 5. The Annotated Bibliography and Other Useful Resources beginning on page 324 of *On Kingdom Business* includes several essays, papers and reports that are only available online. Choose one of them that sounds interesting to you and write a report about it. Include the following:

- a) Why you chose that article.
- b) A brief biography of the author, or mission statement of the organization responsible for it.
- c) A summary of the contents of the article.
- d) Anything the Lord specifically said to you through the article and ways in which your life will be affected by it.

This report is to be a minimum of four pages (maximum 12-point font) and is due in Lesson Twelve.

- 6. Earn at least a “B” on both of the Tests (not Self-Tests).



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Assignment Schedule

Lesson One

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapter 19 of *On Kingdom Business* for a review of the foundations of the theology of business as ministry. Answer the related discussion questions found here in your Student Notebook.

Prayerfully read the Preface and Chapter 1 of *Great Commission Companies*, answering the Questions for Review at the end of Chapter 1. Your answers to the questions should be filed here in your Student Notebook or on your computer for easy emailing to your instructor.

Memorize Acts 8:3,4.

Complete and correct Self-Test One.

Subjects to be explored:

Taking Faith to Work

The Good News about Globalization

Related objectives:

- You will quote Acts 18:3,4. (So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.)
- You will state and biblically support a theology of business as mission.
- You will state and discuss four barriers that may prevent our taking Jesus to the marketplace.
- You will state seven characteristics of business leaders who are serious about taking Christ into the marketplace.

Lesson Two

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapters 2 and 7 of *Great Commission Companies*, answering the Questions for Review at the end of both chapters.

Memorize Acts 20:34,35.

Complete and correct Self-Test Two.

Begin working on your first research paper according to Course Requirement #4.

Subjects to be explored:

Toward a Definition of a Great Commission Company
Case Study

Related objectives:

- You will quote Acts 20:34,35. (You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive.")
- You will state four assumptions which help define holistic Christian missions.
- You will state and discuss the six characteristics that define a "Great Commission Company (GCC)."
- You will discuss the place of business in the commission of the Christian community, which is to bring spiritual, social and economic transformation to the world.