
The mission of Genesis is to prepare humble hearts to begin again. Our vision is to empower our graduates to fulfill God-sized dreams according to his purpose.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on the role of a leader to be a catalyst for change in his or her home, church, community, and world. Students learn how to create and cast vision, enabling them to live out God's purpose for their lives. Special emphasis is given to the story of Nehemiah and his vision to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem.

I. Prerequisites

None

II. Measurable Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Quote Nehemiah 6:15-16 from memory
- Describe Nehemiah's vision and strategy for rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem
- Discuss when and how a vision should be communicated
- Explain how a God-ordained vision is tied to God's master plan
- Explain the four vital components of a compelling vision
- Determine how you can be a catalyst for change in your home, church, community, or world
- Clarify God's vision for your life
- Analyze the main ideas from Brad Lomenick's *The Catalyst Leader*
- Apply these ideas to your life, ministry, or profession
- Evaluate your life to ensure you are living an inexplicable life
- Develop a calling statement that describes God's unique purpose for your life
- Create a project that articulates God's vision for you to be a catalyst for leadership transformation

III. Required Resources

Stanley, Andy. *Visioneering: Your Guide for Discovering and Maintaining Personal Vision*. Revised and updated. Colorado Springs: Multnomah,

2016.

Executive Summary of *The Catalyst Leader* by Brad Lomenick. This resource is provided for you.

Holy Bible. You will be reading the book of Nehemiah.

IV. Recommended Resources

None

V. Course Requirements and Assignments

A. Scripture Memorization

You will be memorizing Nehemiah 6:15-16 in this course. God's Word is central to the life of every Christian, guiding and directing decisions, behaviors, values, and vision. Therefore, Genesis requires learners to memorize Scripture throughout their degree programs. Invest time every day to hide God's Word in your heart.

B. Book Application Paper

You will submit a Book Application Paper on *The Catalyst Leader* by Brad Lomenick. Please note: An Executive Summary of this book has been provided for you. You do not have to purchase this book. Your Book Application Paper will be a chapter-by-chapter summary, analysis, and application of the Executive Summary.

C. Calling Statement

Being a catalyst leader means you are working to identify, understand, and pursue God's unique call on your life. In *The Catalyst Leader*, Brad Lomenick writes, "Calling is not necessarily about title, position, or even a certain career, but more of a vision and purpose for your life that spans all of the seasons of your vocation" (14).

You will create a calling statement in this assignment. A calling, as defined by Lomenick, is "God's personal invitation for me to work on His agenda, using the talents I've been given in ways that are eternally significant" (20).

In the calling statement you develop, you will answer several questions to help you decipher God's invitation to you.

D. Portfolio Project: Visioneering Your Life

Catalyst leaders are visionary. They see what others do not see. They focus on the future and inspire others to help them build it.

The Portfolio Project will help you discover and clarify God's vision for your life. You will build this project in each module, completing a total of 18 exercises to cultivate your vision and see it activated in your life. The exercises are located at the end of each chapter in Andy Stanley's *Visioneering*, the required textbook for this course.

E. Final Exam

The Final Exam consists of material from the module presentations and assigned reading. The purpose of the exam is to measure your knowledge of course material.

A Final Exam Review is presented in Module 6 to help prepare you for the test. The exam will be administered after all 6 modules have been completed.

Remember: You will be required to write out your Scripture memory verses on the Final Exam.