



## Syllabus

### **CHM 435: Radical Christian Ministry** **Genesis Bible Institute**

#### *COURSE DESCRIPTION*

This course is an urgent call to rise above the status quo and become a Spirit-empowered agent of change and transformation in your church. Special emphasis is given to radical practices of ministry that empower leaders to rethink and redefine the way they approach Christian leadership.

#### *LEARNING OUTCOMES*

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

- Quote from memory John 15:2;
- Explain seven practices of effective ministry;
- Describe the “invest and invite” evangelism strategy;
- Determine your leadership style or bent;
- Apply the “replace yourself” principle;
- Apply the principle of pruning to a ministry that is good, but not great;
- Apply the principle of irreducible minimums to your life and ministry;
- Break down the teaching of a skill into clear, doable steps;
- Clarify “wins” to team members in your organization.

#### *REQUIRED READING*

Stanley, Andy, Reggie Joiner, and Lane Jones. *7 Practices of Effective Ministry*. New York: Multnomah, 2004. Print.

#### *ASSIGNMENTS and GRADING*

- *Study Guide Answers* (worth 60 points / 60% of grade)  
The Study Guide consists of 6 units. You will examine the seven practices of effective ministry and, in each unit, answer five questions to help you build your foundational knowledge and five questions to apply this knowledge to real-world situations. Each answer is worth 1 point.
- *Assignment 1: Your Life’s Irreducible Minimums* (worth 15 points / 15% of grade)  
You will apply the concept of irreducible minimums – the absolute core principles you want others to learn – to your life and ministry. You will answer specific questions and then formulate an action plan to help you actualize your irreducible minimums. There is

no word-length requirement for this assignment, but your effort must reflect work befitting an upper-level bachelor student.

- *Assignment 2: Your Next Move* (worth 15 points / 15% of grade)  
In this three-part assignment, you will determine which one of Stanley’s seven practices is most lacking in your church (or organization with which you are familiar) and create a plan of improvement. The assessment must be completed within 4-7 substantive paragraphs.
- *Final Exam* (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)  
The Final Exam consists of multiple-choice questions. You will also write out your memory verse. This exam is intended to measure your knowledge of course concepts.

<b>Summary of Assignments and Grading</b>		
Study Guide Answers	60 points	60%
Your Life’s Irreducible Minimums	15 points	15%
Your Next Move	15 points	15%
Final Exam	10 points	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>	<b>100%</b>