

**SUNSET GRADUATE SCHOOL**  
**Course Reference Number: 512**  
**SHORT COURSE: THEOLOGY OF BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP**

**Instructor:** Kerry W. Williams, M.A., M.S., PH.D (in-progress)

**Meeting day/time/place:** Online

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**Textbook and Materials (Required for Credit):**

Sanders, J. Oswald, *Spiritual Leadership*, (Chicago: Moody Press, 2007). Available in print or Kindle format.

Blanchard, Ken and Phil Hodges, *Lead Like Jesus*, (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2008). Available in print or Kindle format.

Swindoll, Charles R. *Hand Me Another Brick*, (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2007). Available in print or Kindle format.

**Course Description:**

*Theology of Biblical Leadership* can be taken as a short course or online, depending on current offerings. Students may audit the course (short course only) or take it for credit. Audit students may choose to purchase the books or simply attend the class. Credit student must attend class (short course) or complete an additional assignment (online only students), read the three required texts, and complete the assignments by the end of the term.

The material will address the need for leadership in the church, with a focus upon the local congregation. Emphasis will be placed upon the leadership of Christ as a model for all believers, along with examinations of other great leaders in the Bible. The course is designed to be practical in nature, presenting applicable real-world strategies developed from broad leadership principles.

**Course Requirements:**

**Note: All written submissions are to be in Microsoft Word, 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced text, with footnotes rather than endnotes. The citation style should be either MLA or Turabian (which is preferred by the instructor) following Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. A summary guide to this style may be found at**

**[http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian\\_citationguide.html](http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian_citationguide.html)**

**All written submissions are due by email on Saturday night at 11:59 p.m. of**

**the week the assignment is due.**

- Short course students must attend class and participate in discussions. Online-only students must compile and submit a 5-page paper entitled, “Present leadership needs within the Church” citing at least five sources.
- Two background and analysis papers on two of the assigned texts (student’s choice) are required for credit. Each paper may be no more than 750 words in length.
- A final paper 8-10 pages in length on one of the following topics selected by the student. The paper is to be written for the intelligent, uninformed reader and should include a minimum of ten sources, with not more than five online sources. Choose one of the following:
  - “Qualities of Servant Leadership”
  - “Elders: Leaders or a Board of Directors?”
  - “The Importance of Relationships to Effective Leadership”
  - “Differences and Similarities Between Church Leadership and Secular Organizational Leadership”

**Grading System:**

Class Participation/“Present leadership” Paper	30%
Background/analysis/historiography papers	40%
Final paper	30%

**Grading Scale:**

90 and above	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
60 and below	F

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

**Specific due dates are listed on the Course Moodle page.**

Week 1	Course Begins.
Week 3	“Present leadership needs within the Church” paper due.
Week 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Analysis Paper Due
Week 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Analysis Paper Due
Week 14	<b>Final Paper Due</b>

**Instructor:**

Kerry W. Williams, M.S., M.A., teaches Homiletics for the Graduate School at SIBI. He joined the SIBI graduate faculty in 2014 and became in Interim Dean in 2017. Kerry holds bachelor degrees from Bethany Divinity College (Pastoral Ministry- 2002), and Amridge University (Ministry and Bible- 2005). He earned the Master of Science degree from Lubbock Christian

University (Bible and Ministry- 2006), Master of Arts from Arkansas State University (Heritage Studies- 2016), and completed extensive graduate coursework (24 hours) in philosophy and humanities with California State University at Dominguez Hills. He is currently finishing the Ph.D. program in Heritage Studies at Arkansas State University, where his dissertation topic will address the origin and function of Preaching Schools within the Churches of Christ. In addition, he is a 1994 graduate of Sunset School of Preaching. Kerry taught philosophy courses for Heritage Christian University and Northwest Shoals Community College. He is the author of three books, including Fishers of Teens (PowerSource, 2005), and I Want to Draw Closer to God, But I Don't Know Where to Begin (Sunset, 2014). Kerry's articles have appeared in most issues of Power for Today since 2005. He has preached for 25 years and is currently the pulpit minister for the Waterford Church of Christ in Waterford, Michigan.