Objectives:

To examine the dynamics of first century church life in the Book of Acts to determine which principles of:

A. Church growth
B. Church vitality
C. Church organization
D. Church health and vitality

should be applied to the church today.

Assignments and tests:

1) The first half of each class will consist of an exegetical examination of a section of the book of Acts. The second half of each class will be a discussion of individual practical topics as they relate to the text of Acts and the history of the early church.

2) Each student is to have read the assigned reading and to have produced written responses to the assigned study questions prior to coming to the class session. He/she is to bring to class two copies of the type written answers to the study questions, one to be given to the professor at the beginning of the class and the second from which he/she will enter into class discussion and take notes.

3) Each student will review a book on church growth or church vitality approved by the professor. In addition, each student will be expected to enter into class discussion.

4) There will be a mid-term and final exam. Dates are noted in the syllabus.

Agenda:

Aug. 26 Acts 1, 2
Page 409, questions 1 and 21
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| 9     | Synthesis  |                |
| 16    | Final Exam |                |
Grading:

Weekly written questions  40%
Mid-term test            20%
Final exam             20%
Participation         10%
Book Review           10%

Textbook:


Pre-approved choices for the second book include:
*Surprising Insights from the Unchurched* by Thom Rainer
*Simple Church* by Thom Rainer
*Essential Church* by Thom Rainer
*The Externally Focused Church* by Rick Rusaw
*Deep and Wide* by Andy Stanley