

**New Geneva Theological Seminary**  
**PT 504A**  
**Biblical Principles for Ministry**  
**Instructor: Dr. Dominic Aquila**  
**January-March 2025**

**Purpose:**

To study and explore the biblical view of the church and principles for ministry.

**Required Reading:**

*The Church*, Edmund P. Clowney (IVP) ISBN-13: 978-0830815340  
*Outgrowing the Ingrown Church*, D. John Miller (Zondervan) ISBN-13: 978-0310284116  
*The Shepherd Leader: Achieving Effective Shepherding in Your Church*, Timothy Z. Witmer (P&R Publishing) ISBN-13: 978-1596381315

**Assignments:**

Read the required books and write a review of 4-5 pages each. Due: March 31, 2025

**Classes will meet:**

January 16, 2025: 6:00 -9:00 pm  
January 17, 2025: 9:00 am -3:00 pm  
  
March 13, 2025: 6:00 – 9:00 pm  
March 14, 2025: 9:00 am -3:00 pm

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**OBJECTIVES**

**Knowledge**

- To know that the Church belongs to Christ
- To know the theology of the Church
- To know and understand biblical principles that affect ministry
- To study and appreciate the diversity that exists in the universal Church

**Skills**

- To develop and implement a personal philosophy of ministry
- To develop the ability to assess and analyze a church's ministry
- To learn to apply biblical principles in the variety of contexts in which the Church exists
- To know yourself and to use your leadership style effectively

**Character**

To develop a passion for ministry that is:

- Christ-Centered
- Biblically-Based
- Grace-Empowered
- Heart-Impelling
- People-Serving
- Mission-Driven