



Sustainability within EMU CORE majors (2011-2012)

Peace with Creation

April 2012

Anabaptist Biblical Perspectives

Becoming God's People – OT (ABP 112 a)

Instructor: John Jantzi

Department: Bible and Religion

Description:

We covered the Year of Jubilee as described in Leviticus 25. Themes covered included the resting of the land, provisions for allowing the poor to glean crops, economic restoration as a means of sustaining equitable distribution, and release of the slaves. Scanty evidence exists as how this might have been implemented in Israel's history. We did, however, discuss how these examples of care for the land and people of might look in a twentieth century capitalist culture.

Following Jesus Christ – NT Themes (ABP 123 a)

Instructor: Byron Peachy

Department: Bible and Religion

Description:

Ethics in the Way of Jesus (ABP 201 a,b)

Instructor: Kent Sensenig, Ted Grimsrud, Peter Dula

Department: Bible and Religion

Description:

"Creation Care and Sabbath Economics" Unit (3-4 Weeks)

Kent Sensenig (Section a, Fall 2011)

Part 1: "Creation Care": Small and Large Group Processing of Biblical Narratives

4-5 Sessions: "The Garden of Eden"; "The Seven Days of Creation"; "The Fall" and Aftermath (Genesis 1-4); God's Peace Covenant with the Noah/All Living Creatures/The Earth (Genesis 8-9/Hosea 2); "Ode to the Creator-Provider" (Psalm 104); A "Green" Jesus and New Testament Christ Cosmologies (Gospels narrative overview; John 1; Col. 1; Heb. 1; Rom. 8); "A Renewed Earth" (Rev. 21-22)

Part 2: "Sabbath Economics": 25-minute video-teachings by NT scholar Ched Myers, interwoven with additional biblical texts from teacher; "Money Autobiographies" (personal oral presentation by teacher; 2-3 page written reflections by students)

4-5 Sessions: 1) "From Mammon to Manna"; 2) "SE in the Law and the Prophets"; 3) "SE in Jesus and Paul"; 4) "A Seven-Fold Household Covenant" for SE; 5) Money Autobiographies

(Possible) QEP-Related Guest Speakers: 1) Tom Benevento of Harrisonburg's "New Community Project"; 2) Ron Copeland of Harrisonburg's "Our Community Place/The Early Church"

(Possible) QEP-Related Documentaries: "The Garden"; "Made in L.A."; "Small Business, Big Change: 10 Years Later" (the Grameen Bank of Bangladesh/ micro-credit for women); "The Story of Stuff"

QEP-Related Assignments/Assessments: "Money Autobiography" Reflection and "Participation Points"/Class Notes for multiple (small group; guest speaker; and in-class documentary) sessions

Cross Cultural Programs