

M705 Spirit and Mission in Acts and Today

Code	M705
Title	Spirit and Mission in Acts and Today
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School	Moorlands College
Owning Course	MA Applied Theology
Module Type	Standard Taught Module
Brief description	This module equips students to engage with the Book of Acts with critical awareness of the hermeneutical methods used. In particular, this module enables students to consider both literary and historical critical readings of Acts, and reflect on how these approaches inform interpretation. There is a focus on the role of the Holy Spirit and the nature and means of 'mission' in Acts. Moreover, this module addresses how Acts contributes to the wider fields of pneumatology and missiology. As with the programme as a whole, there is a strong emphasis on students' own context and practice. Therefore, the module encourages students to reflect throughout the module on how their own context informs their reading of Acts and how Acts informs their missional practice.
Level of study	Level 7
CATS points	30
Approved base location	Module validated for delivery at Moorlands College, Christchurch.
Restrictions	None
Indicative syllabus	This module covers a range of topics relating to: biblical hermeneutics; the Book of Acts; Lukan and Pauline pneumatology; missional paradigms, particularly <i>missio Dei</i> ; the role of the church in mission; the nature and communication of the gospel, particularly cross-culturally; signs and wonders in Acts and today; the students' own context and missional practice.
Learning outcomes	A student passing this module should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. demonstrate advanced methodological awareness in their interpretation of biblical text(s), including engagement with relevant debates regarding biblical hermeneutics; 2. discern and synthesise key features of Luke's pneumatology in Acts, demonstrating critical awareness of Luke's particular contribution to New Testament pneumatology; 3. reflect theologically and critically on an area of their own missional practice and context, demonstrating critical awareness of debates regarding the nature and priorities of 'mission'.
Learning and teaching activities	Scheduled learning and teaching activities: 26 hours Guided independent study: 274 hours
Mark Scheme	Postgraduate: Standard Assessment: Mark/Grade
Assessment	A: 100 % Assignment

	6,000 words or equivalent
Indicative resources	<p>Bosch, David J. <i>Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission</i>. Maryknoll: Orbis, 1991.</p> <p>Cho, Youngmo. "Spirit and Kingdom in Luke-Acts: Proclamation as the Primary Role of the Spirit in Relation to the Kingdom of God in Luke-Acts." <i>Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies</i> 6, no. 2 (July 2003): 173–97.</p> <p>Chu, Jessica. "Missio Dei, the Trinity, and the Church." <i>Churchman</i> 130, no. 4 (2016): 319–29</p> <p>Flett, John G. <i>The Witness of God</i>. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2010.</p> <p>Gaventa, Beverly R. "'You Will Be My Witnesses': Aspects of Mission in the Acts of the Apostles." <i>Missiology</i> 10, no. 4 (October 1982): 413–25.</p> <p>Hill, Graham. <i>Salt, Light, and a City: Conformation—Ecclesiology for the Global Missional Community: Volume 2, Majority World Voices</i>. 2nd ed. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2020.</p> <p>Hill, Graham. <i>Salt, Light, and a City: Ecclesiology for the Global Missional Community: Volume 1, Western Voices</i>. 2nd ed. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2017.</p> <p>Keener, Craig S. <i>Miracles: The Credibility of the New Testament Accounts</i>. Grand Rapids, Mich: Baker Academic, 2011.</p> <p>Keener, Craig S. <i>Between History and Spirit: The Apostolic Witness of the Book of Acts</i>. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2020.</p> <p>Konz, D. J. "The Even Greater Commission: Relating the Great Commission to the Missio Dei, and Human Agency to Divine Activity, in Mission." <i>Missiology</i> 46, no. 4 (2018): 333–49.</p> <p>Kucicki, Janusz. "Witnesses of the Resurrected Messiah: Luke's Presentation of the Main Theological Theme of the Acts of the Apostles." <i>The Biblical Annals</i> 9, no. 4 (2019): 671–95.</p> <p>Loescher, Will. <i>Transformation by the Spirit and the Word: A Literary Exploration of Acts</i>. Eugene: Wipf & Stock 2023.</p> <p>Maggay, Melba Padilla. <i>Global Kingdom, Global People: Living Faithfully in a Multicultural World</i>. Carlisle: Langham Partnership, 2017.</p> <p>Mashau, Thinandavha Derrick. "Rethinking the Use of Disruptive Pop-up Encounters for Transformation: A Missional Reading of Acts 8:26–40." <i>Missiology</i> 50, no. 2 (April 2022): 184–95.</p> <p>Pao, David W. <i>Acts and the Isaianic New Exodus</i>. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2019.</p> <p>Walton, Steve. <i>Reading Acts Theologically</i>. London: Bloomsbury, 2022.</p> <p>Wright, Christopher J. H. <i>The Mission of God: Unlocking the Bible's Grand Narrative</i>. Downers Grove: IVP, 2006.</p>
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