



# TEAM IMPACT CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



## **Doctor of Ministry Degree** **Study Guide No. 8 of 8**

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## A Partial Study Guide for the *Doctor of Ministry Degree*

Students wishing to successfully graduate must comply fully with all the requirements of this study guide.

### IMPORTANT POINTS FOR ALL DOCTORATE STUDENTS TO REMEMBER BEFORE SUBMITTING THEIR WORK FOR GRADING

The examiner will not look at how many pages you have submitted, but will look at the number of words. The course work must contain at least 20,000 words and the dissertation 100,000 words. The examiner will also look to see if there are footnotes as well as a Bibliography.

**If these conditions are not met, your work will be returned to you without being graded.**

Students must understand that all work submitted for this degree will become the intellectual property of Team Impact Christian University.

In order to graduate successfully, students must complete 7 core courses as well as a dissertation as listed below:

Code	Course	Credits
DM701	Ministerial Ethics	3
DM702	Adult Faith Development	3
DM703	Leading Christian Organizations	3
DM704	Cultural Studies for Evangelism	3
DM705	Advanced Pastoral & Counseling Ministry	3
DM706	Revival History	3
DM707	The Ministry of the Holy Spirit	3
DM709	Dissertation	15
		<b>36 Credits</b>

### **Purpose of the Doctor of Ministry Degree**

The Doctor of Ministry degree offers pastors, missionaries and leaders an opportunity for professional and personal growth. The student will be equipped for a higher level of competent practice of ministry than that achieved in the foundation work.

The candidates are challenged to develop their ministerial skills to refine and articulate a Biblical theology of ministry while in a setting of ministry. This degree is ideal for those who serve the Church in congregational/pulpit ministries; Para church organizations, mission agencies, and any other vocational ministry setting where advanced leadership skills and training would make a difference.

**The following is a study guide for one of the 7 core courses**

**(There are a total of 8 study guides for the Doctor of Ministry Degree program.)**

**Study Guide 1 of 8  
DM709 Dissertation**

In addition to the seven core courses, students are required to submit a dissertation, which includes a comprehensive research on **one** of the subjects listed below:

1. Leadership and Administration
2. Christian Counseling
3. Biblical Studies
4. Practical Ministry
5. Practical Theology
6. Christian Education
7. Prophetic Ministry
8. Apostolic Ministry
9. Christian Entrepreneurship

Students must adhere to the following:

- The research paper must consist of a minimum of **100,000** words in Times New Roman 12 font. **Dissertations that are less than 100,000 will not be graded.**
- The research paper must consist of a minimum of **25** references in the bibliography and a minimum of **150** footnote references.
- The dissertation must be submitted using correct referencing technique, including footnotes, and bibliography similar to the guidelines shown on the resource website [www.learnerassociates.net/dissthes/](http://www.learnerassociates.net/dissthes/).
- The student must make a statement or hypothesis that should be reflected in the title and must do research that validates the hypothesis by proving it or disproving it.
- The topic for dissertation must be approved before commencing. Students must email a 2-3 page motivation to [dean@powerhousecollege.com](mailto:dean@powerhousecollege.com) and may proceed with their research work only after receiving written approval to do so
- The dissertation should remain somewhat neutral until the student is ready to make a conclusion.
- Remember that the Doctoral dissertation is not a term paper, or a research paper that researches a topic and describes that topic. It resembles a scientific experiment, which poses a hypothesis, gathers data, and makes a conclusion.
- Students must submit a draft dissertation, which must be emailed to [dean@powerhousecollege.com](mailto:dean@powerhousecollege.com).
- Students must research between 40 – 60 books related to their research. A detailed bibliography must be included in the dissertation.
- Before emailing your work, make sure that it does not exceed 3MB in size.

Example of Motivational Report to be submitted by  
Doctor of Ministry Degree students

*Team Impact Christian University*

**Student:** Jason Mills  
**Student Number:** D607

**Course:** Doctor of Ministry Program

**Motivational Report for Dissertation paper  
Doctor of Ministry Degree**

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT, THE CHURCH CONSULTING APPROACH OF LYLE E. SCHALLER, AND THE NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT APPROACH OF CHRISTIAN A. SCHWARZ IN THE KOREAN CONTEXT

**1. TENTATIVE DISSERTATION AND STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM OR ISSUE**

This dissertation deals with the theology of the church growth movement in comparing the theology of the Church Growth Movement of Donald A. McGavran, the church consulting approach of Lyle E. Schaller and the Natural Church Development approach of Christian A. Schwarz, in the Korean context. The Church Growth Movement was a very popular idea in Korea. However, today the topics of the Church Growth Movement have been scattered too much to identify the relation among the branches of the Church Growth Movement. The newly developed branch should be evaluated and should be laid out the position in the Church Growth Movement.

**Dissertation statement:**

The church consulting approach of Lyle E. Schaller with its detailed methodology and numeric data and the Natural Church Development approach of Christian A. Schwarz with its theological foundations and principles are needed in the twenty first century by the Korea Church experiences a phase of the stagnation of church growth.

To clarify, I will examine the theology of the Church Growth Movement, and point out the strong points as well as the vulnerable ones of this movement. I will describe how both church consulting and the Natural Church Development develop the strong points and reinforce the vulnerable points of the Church Growth Movement.

**2. THE PRESENT STATE OF THE PROBLEM OR ISSUE**

During the 1980s and 1990s, many scholars have studied the Church Growth Movement, but today's Church Growth Movement has lost its direction. For example, C. Peter Wagner and John Wimber have wandered to spiritual warfare or power evangelism after the era of Donald A. McGavran. It is doubtful that the traditional Church Growth Movement of Donald A. McGavran, at the World Mission school of

Fuller Theological Seminary, could maintain the same position as the mainstream of the Church Growth Movement as it did in the past. The classical Church Growth Movement would be replacing to church consulting and the Natural Church Development.

Church consulting has developed in various ways. However, even though church consulting is considered as a part of Church Growth Movement, it is not considered one of the major branches of the next generation of the Church Growth Movement. Lyle E. Schaller is the one, whose data has been frequently used in many books, but has been easily ignored by the mainline Church Growth Movement. The church consulting approach of Lyle E. Schaller with its detailed methodology and numeric data is worthy by itself to make the church healthy. His study and advice would be still very useful in Korea in the twenty first century.

The Church Growth Movement was criticized for its lack of biblical foundation. The Natural Church Development program can help the Church Growth Movement from the angle of principle. However, because the Natural Church Development is a new idea, not enough study has been done. I will lay out the position of the Natural Church Development in the Church Growth Movement.

This dissertation will present the relationship of church consulting and the Natural Church Development to the Church Growth Movement. Moreover, I would argue that both church consulting and Natural Church Development are specialized forms of the Church Growth Movement. This dissertation will also show that church consulting and the Natural Church Development has same goal, that is, a healthy church.

The Church Growth Movement of Donald A. McGavran cannot help prevent the stagnation of the Korean church. However, the two, which complement the classical Church Growth Movement, are still needed in the Korean context and could help the revitalization of the Korean church of the twenty first century.

### **3. TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF THE PROBLEM**

#### **3.1. Outline**

Chapter 1 is the introduction of this paper.

Chapter 2 will evaluate the relationship between the Church Growth Movement and church consulting and Natural Church Development. I will try to describe the history and theology of the Church Growth Movement. In addition, I will present various kinds of church growth movements, evaluate, and project the future of this movement.

Chapter 3 will discuss church consulting. I will present the history of church consulting. In addition, I will describe the theology and methodology of church consulting focusing on Lyle E. Schaller, and try to identify of the relationship between the Church Growth Movement and church consulting.

Chapter 4 will describe the Natural Church Development program of Christian A. Schwarz. I will argue that the history, theology, and methodology of Natural Church Development make it one of the main branches of the Church Growth Movement for twenty first Century.

Chapter 5 will consider the possibility of applying the theology and methodology of church consulting and Natural Church Development to the Korean context.

Chapter 6 will summarize the findings of this paper.

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### 3. Church consulting approach of Lyle E. Schaller

3.1 Brief biography of Lyle E. Schaller

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### 4. The Natural Church Development approach of Christian A. Schwarz

4.1 Brief biography of Christian A. Schwarz

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5.4 Application of Natural Church Development in Korea

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6.2 Church growth movement in twenty first Century Korea

## **General problem's encountered by the Examiners**

### **Observations of Problems Concerning Doctoral Papers Submitted by Students**

**Several of the papers do not follow the proper standards of citation of research.**

- Lack of footnotes, endnotes, and quotation marks
- Much of the research is obviously borrowed from other sources and not given the proper documentation and credit.
- Paragraphing format - There needs to be a space between paragraphs or each paragraph should be indented.
- Spacing requirements are not being adhered to
- Some papers do not have the required number of research references – the requirement is no less than 10.
- Some papers express too much “opinion” that is not being validated through research or scriptural principles.
- Some papers are “good” research papers but are not a dissertation, posting a hypothesis, proving or disproving by research, and arriving at a practical and applicable conclusion.

### **Requirements for a Doctor of Ministry Degree dissertation:**

- **Paper length** – minimum **100,000 words**
- **Paper spacing** - single-spaced or double spaced
- **Paragraph structure** - Justified format - leave a space between paragraphs, indent each new paragraph.
- **Use of footnotes:** Number the research at the end of the sentence, footnote the numbered sentence at the bottom of each page, show the source, author, date, and page number.
- **Use of endnotes:** Number the research, at the end of each chapter, show the number, the source, the author, date, and page number.
- **Quotation marks** before the quote and after the quote for ALL quoted materials. You should not quote pages and pages, the quotes should be short and concise and not used too often.
- **Bibliography:** Alphabetical, cite author, book, publisher, and copyright dates.
- Make a statement or hypothesis that should be reflected in your title.
- Do research that validates your hypothesis by proving it or disproving it.
- Research should not be biased, but let the research used prove or disprove your hypothesis. Research authors of different opinions, use surveys or statistics from other sources, your writing should remain somewhat neutral until you are ready to make a conclusion.
- The Doctor of Ministry Degree dissertation is not a term paper, or a research paper that researches a topic and describes that topic. It resembles a scientific experiment, which poses a hypothesis, gathers data, and makes a conclusion.
- It needs to be presented in a professional format following the rules that are published in “Research Writing Made Easy” that is available through Team.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

1. ANY DISSERTATION THAT DOES NOT CONTAIN AT LEAST 100,000 WORDS, FOOTNOTES, ENDNOTES AND QUOTATION MARKS WILL BE SENT BACK WITHOUT ANY EVALUATION.
2. THE DISSERTATION MUST BE EMAILED IN ONLY **ONE** .DOC OR .PDF FILE. STUDENTS MAY NOT SPLIT THEIR WORK IN SEVERAL FILES EG. INDEX, CONTENTS, BIOGRAPHY ETC.
3. STUDENTS MAY NOT USE COLOURS OR PAGE BORDERS. PLEASE LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS, SCHEMATICS, DIAGRAMS AND GRAPHS IN YOUR DISSERTATION.
4. MAKE A STATEMENT OR HYPOTHESIS THAT SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN YOUR TITLE AND ALLOW THE RESEARCH USED PROVE OR DISPROVE YOUR HYPOTHESIS.
5. BEFORE EMAILING YOUR WORK, MAKE SURE THAT IT DOES NOT EXCEED **3MB** IN SIZE.

**Total credits for this course = 18 of the 36 credits required**