

Doctor of Ministry

Transformational Preaching Cohort 2024-2026

Effecting Gospel-Centered Transformation

with Dr. Steve Mathewson and Dr. John Kwak

Course: Jan. 6- April 12, 2024 | Intensive: March 11-14, 2024

By web conference

Preaching Galatians

with Dr. Dane Ortlund

Course: May 4-Aug. 9, 2024 | Intensive: July 15-18, 2024

Preaching the Psalms

with Dr. Ronald Allen

Course: Aug. 31-Dec. 6, 2024 | Intensive: Nov. 4-7, 2024

By web conference

Preaching the Book of Revelation

with Dr. David Mathewson

Course: May 3-Aug. 8, 2025 | Intensive: July 7-10, 2025

Preaching and Application

with Dr. Zack Eswine

Course: August 30-Dec. 5, 2025 | Intensive: Nov. 3-6, 2025

By web conference

Preaching 1 & 2 Samuel

with Dr. Steve Mathewson

Course: May 2- Aug. 7, 2026 | Intensive: July 6-9, 2026

Preaching and Spiritual Formation

with Dr. Darryl Dash

Course: Sept. 5-Dec. 11, 2026 | Intensive: Nov. 9-12, 2026

By web conference

Research Design and Methodology

with Matthew Thiesen

Course: Aug. 31-Dec. 6, 2024 | Aug. 30-Dec. 5, 2025 | Sept. 5-Dec. 11, 2026

Intensives: Nov. 8, 2024 | Nov. 7, 2025 | Nov. 13, 2026

By web conference. This course is broken up into three 1-credit courses.



Instructor Bios



Ronald Allen

Dr. Allen is an adjunct professor of Bible exposition at Dallas Theological Seminary. He also preaches in churches across the country, speaks at Bible conferences, regularly leads study tours in Israel, Turkey, and Greece, and has been a biblical and theological consultant for Maranatha! Music. He has written a dozen books; was one of the senior editors for The New King James Version; Old Testament; and was the Old Testament editor for both The Nelson Study Bible (also known as The New King James Study Bible) and The Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Commentary.



Darryl Dash

Dr. Dash is pastor of Liberty Grace Church in Toronto, and author of *How to Grow: Applying the Gospel to ALL of Your Life*. He has a DMin from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and has over 25 years of ministry experience. Darryl is married to Charlene, and has two adult children, Christy and Josiah.



Zack Eswine

Dr. Eswine (Ph.D.), serves as pastor for Riverside Church (Webster Groves, MO) and as Resident Scholar for the Francis Schaeffer Institute, Director of Homiletics at Covenant Theological Seminary (Saint Louis, MO). His books include, *The Imperfect Pastor*, which received Christianity Today's Book of the Year award 2016, in the category of Church/Pastoral Leadership, and *Preaching to a Post-Everything World*, recipient of Preaching Today's Book of the Year Award, 2008.



John Kwak

Dr. John Kwak (PhD, University of Rochester) is an Asst. Professor of Pastoral Theology at Western Seminary. He also serves there as the Chair for the Center of Ministry and Leadership and as the Asst. Director for the Doctor of Ministry program. Previously, John served as the Assoc. Pastor of Adult Education, Life Groups, and Asian American Ministry at Village Church (2012–2019), and the Assoc. Pastor of Teaching and Administration at Living Way Community Church of Los Angeles (2000-2005). His academic passions are in the areas of pastoral ministry and leadership, belief and spiritual formation, analytic philosophy, Christian apologetics, and Church and society.



David Mathewson

Dr. Mathewson (PhD, Aberdeen) is Associate Professor of New Testament at Denver Seminary in Littleton, CO. His area of research and writing interests are the book of Revelation and Greek and Linguistics. He also enjoys occasionally preaching on weekends at Denver area churches.

Instructor Bios



Steve Mathewson

In addition to his role as Western Seminary's DMin Director, Steve Mathewson serves as Senior Pastor of CrossLife Evangelical Free Church in Libertyville, Illinois. Prior to moving to the Chicago area in 2006, he served as a pastor in Montana for two decades. He is the author of several books, including "The Art of Preaching Old Testament Narrative" and "RISEN: Fifty Reasons Why the Resurrection Changed Everything."



Dane Ortlund

Dr. Ortlund (PhD, Wheaton College; MDiv, ThM, Covenant Theological Seminary) serves as Senior Pastor of Naperville Presbyterian Church outside Chicago. He has published in New Testament studies (such as 2 Corinthians in the ESV Expository Commentary or "Zeal Without Knowledge: The Concept of Zeal in Romans 10, Galatians 1, and Philippians 3") as well as more broadly for the church (such as "Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers", or "Deeper: Real Change for Real Sinners"). He is also the editor of Crossway's Short Studies in Biblical Theology series and Knowing the Bible series. He lives in Naperville with his wife, Stacey, and their five children.



Gavin Ortlund

Dr. Ortlund (PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary) is a husband, father, pastor, and writer. He serves as senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Ojai in Ojai, California. Gavin is the author of several books, including "Theological Retrieval for Evangelicals", "Retrieving Augustine's Doctrine of Creation", and "Why God Makes Sense in a World that Doesn't".



Mathew Thiesen

Mr. Thiesen serves as Western Seminary's Director of Library and Information Services, in addition to co-teaching the DM702 research course. Matthew began his career as a theological librarian in 2011, having previously worked in the libraries at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary (now Gateway Seminary) and William Jessup University.