

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Berg

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Founding & Senior Pastor | MainStreet Covenant Church | Minnetonka Beach, MN

Professor of Bible & Theology | North Central University + Solid Rock Discipleship

Writer, Author & Podcaster | Kingdom Harbor | www.KingdomHarbor.com

OBJECTIVE:

Blending academic rigor with an engaging classroom teaching style, my desire is to teach and equip the next generations with the original New Testament vision and Jesus-shaped ethic to more effectively and winsomely engage the 21st century church and culture.

EDUCATION:

Doctor of Ministry in New Testament Context (2021)

Supervisor: Dr. Scot McKnight

Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL

M.A.T.S. Biblical Studies emphasis (2005)

Bethel Seminary, San Diego & St. Paul, MN

GPA: 3.95 *summa cum laude*

B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies (2002)

Bethel University, St. Paul, MN

GPA: 3.9 *cum laude*

"This is the most academically respectable thesis I've seen yet in this program. Utterly splendid – a true work of pastoral art form. The whole thing could be published."

**–Scot McKnight
on my dissertation**

* Transcripts and letters of recommendation available upon request.

BRIEF PROFILE:

- 15+ years of full-time pastoral experience as church planter, lead pastor, and youth pastor
- 10+ years of classroom teaching experience in a range of schools, subjects, and levels.
- 10+ years of youth work experience as teacher, youth pastor, coach, mentor, etc.
- Ordained to Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Covenant Church
- Highly motivated, visionary leader founding *MainStreet Covenant Church (2010)* and *Revolution Ministries (2005)*.
- Prolific writer and self-published author of 20+ books and 2,000+ articles at Daily Illumination (www.jeremyberg.org) and published pieces at ChristianityToday.com, ChurchLeaders.com, Jesus Creed, gospel.com, Beliefnet.com, YouthWorker.com, etc.

SUMMARY OF MINISTRY ROLES & EXPERIENCE:

- Adjunct Professor of Bible & Theology | North Central University, Mpls (2021-Present)
- Professor of Bible & Theology | Solid Rock School–Long Prairie, MN (2019-Present)
- Church Planter & Lead Pastor | MainStreet Covenant Church, Mound, MN (2010-Present)
- Writer & Author | Kingdom Harbor | www.jeremyberg.org (2009-Present)
- Chair of Westonka Ministerial Association (2014-2016)
- Senior High Youth Pastor | Faith Covenant Church, Burnsville, MN (2007-2010)
- Mission Conference Speaker | Mound Evangelical Church (2014)
- Founder & Director of Revolution Ministries | Mound, MN (2005-2007)
- Director of Christian Education | Bethel Methodist Church, Mound, MN (2005-2007)
- Camp Speaker | STORM Ministries & Covenant Pines Bible Camp
- Guest Speaker/Teacher | Bethel University, St. Paul, MN
- Worship Leader | Chapel Hill Church, MN & College Avenue Baptist, CA

ACADEMIC INTERESTS & SPECIALITIES

Biblical Studies; New Testament History; Jesus & the Gospels; Pauline Studies; Systematic Theology; Sages & Students in the Ancient World; Epistolography; Spiritual Formation

COURSES & LECTURES TAUGHT (at my church and/or in the classroom)

- Survey of the Bible
- Intro to Christian Theology
- The Search for the Historical Jesus
- Apocalypse Now: Revelation for Today
- God, Evil & Spiritual Warfare
- God and the Gospel
- New Testament History & Literature

DETAILED EMPLOYMENT HISTORY & EXPERIENCE:

Adjunct Professor–North Central University, Minneapolis, MN–2021-present

Course(s) Taught: “God and the Gospel”–This course explores the gospel as the foundation and primary concern of Christian theology. The central themes of this course are the nature of God, the person of Jesus, and the meaning of salvation; “New Testament History and Literature”–This course provides an introduction to the literary and cultural background of the New Testament while surveying each book’s themes, purpose, and message.

Professor of Bible & Theology–Solid Rock Discipleship, Long Prairie, MN–2019-present

Developed and taught *Survey of the Bible* course exploring the biblical narrative and the historical context behind it. Developed and taught *Introduction to Systematic Theology* course exploring the broad biblical themes and key doctrines of the faith helping students

learn to reflect theologically, think critically, and act responsibly concerning their own life experiences as well as cultural issues.

Church Planter & Lead Pastor—MainStreet Covenant Church, Mound, MN – 2010-present

Responded to God's call to cast vision, recruit a Launch Team, and raise funds to lead in the planting of a new church. For over 10 years I have led this dynamic and innovative faith community through preaching, teaching and discipleship, and visionary leadership.

Senior High Pastor –Faith Covenant Church, Burnsville, MN – October 2007-2010

Oversaw senior high ministry programs including weekly teaching, Sunday classes, media & worship arts, curriculum development, and planning events, retreats & mission trips. Trained and led adult volunteers; developed small group ministries for students; and provided pastoral care and counseling to senior high students.

Director of Christian Education & Revolution Ministries –Bethel United Methodist Church, Mound, MN –October 2005-07

Provided oversight and direction to Christian education programs, K-6th, 7-12th, and Adult ministries. Founded *Revolution Ministries*, a ministry engaging teens from 6 cities, 5 schools and 16+ different area churches in weekly Bible study; Strategically networking with leaders from neighboring churches to coordinate community-wide outreach events.

Substitute Teacher –Kelly Educational Staffing, Brooklyn Center & Westonka Public Schools, Mound– 2002 -08

Gained teaching experience in a diverse range of schools, subjects, and grade levels (K-12). Developed effective classroom management skills; effective communication and relational skills with students from diverse backgrounds; executing lesson plans and building positive teacher-student relationships. *Districts included:* Columbia Heights, Rockford, Brooklyn Center, Mound Westonka, Spring Lake Park, and Watertown-Mayer

Boys Basketball Coach—Mound Westonka High School– 2004-07

Assistant Boys Varsity coach and head 9th grade coach; fostering a positive, goal-oriented, team- focused atmosphere on the court; developing character, integrity and respect off and on the court; build relationships that lead and point athletes closer to Christ.

Driver Education Instructor –Westonka Driving School 2005-07

Facilitated classroom instruction for 500+ students; providing behind-the-wheel instruction for Westonka Driving School. Extensive 1-on-1 conversations that led teens closer to Christ.

Crew Supervisor –Tree Trust: Youth Employment Program –Summer 2003 & 2004

Supervised two crews of ethnically diverse, low-income, at-risk and/or special needs urban youth (ages 14-18) in the completion of various community landscaping and construction projects; taught youth basic job skills while cultivating a positive, cooperative and productive work environment; gained experience with and developed strategies for working with students with differing learning styles and disabilities (EBD, ADD/ADHD, Autism, etc.).

PUBLICATIONS & WRITINGS

Academic Essays

- *Embodied Wisdom & The Lost Art of Pastoral Letter Writing* (2020)
- *One Body, Many Ethnic Parts: A Multiethnic Exploration of 1 Corinthians 11-14* (2019)
- *Paul Among the Philosophers: Toward an Embodied Pedagogy* (2018)
- *Jesus & The Embodiment of Torah: An Exploration of Rabbi-Student Relationships* (2017)
- *Where Thou Dwellst? A Study of 'Presence' in the Gospel of John* (2017)
- *A Case for a Cruciform Justice: A Cross-Shaped Approach to the World's Evil* (June 2005)
- *Matthew & The Servant Songs: The Isaianic Substructure of Matthew's Gospel* (March 2004)
- *Loosening the Helmet: The Narrative and Communal Dimensions of Salvation* (June 2004)
- *Stanley Hauerwas & the Church as God's New Language* (2005)
- *Jürgen Moltmann & A Christocentric Reconsideration of the Parousia* (2004)
- *A Collision of Stories: The Power of Narrative in Conversion* (2002)
- *The Enthronement of Jesus: The Meaning of the Ascension in Luke-Acts* (April 2004)

Books Learn more at jeremyberg.wordpress.com/my-writings/new-books/

- *Wise Church: Forming a Wisdom Culture in Your Local Church* (Edited by Scot McKnight)
- *Sage, Shepherd, & Letter Writing Pastor (Dissertation)* (2021)
- *Pastoral Letters: Soul to Soul Sermons* (2021)
- *The Father's Song: Divine Symphony of Scripture* (2021)
- *Life in King Jesus' Colony: Essays on Royal Discipleship & Loyal Citizenship* (2021)
- *The Beatitudes of Bethlehem* (2020)
- *The Tale of the Cursed Fig Tree* (2021)
- *The Lucky Tale of Eutychus* (2021)
- *The Mystery on the Sea of Galilee* (2021)
- *Midlife Revision* (2020)
- *Treasures New & Old* (2019)
- *CrossEyed: Sermons & Sentiments* (2019)
- *MainStreet Beginnings: 2010-2016*
- *Dispatches from the Desert* (2018)
- *Wisdom Shouts: Private Thoughts in the Public Domain* (2018)
- *Soul Artisan: Musings on Faith & Life* (2017)
- *Fixed to the Rock: My Formative Years, 2 Volumes*
- *Scraps From the Master's Table*
- *Everyday Parables*
- *Thinking Out Loud: On Theology, Culture & Faith*
- *The Word is Alive: On New Life in Christ*
- *The Word is Active: On Missional Living*
- *Dear Philippians: Pastoral Advice from a Prison Cell*
- *Daily Illumination: On Faith & Everyday Life*