

## **Course J    *History and Theology of Ministry of the Churches* (Online)**

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### Description

Jesus appears throughout the gospels as one who came "not to be served, but to serve." His earliest followers understood Jesus' actions, words, and person to be characterized by service. In turn, service became foundational to all ministries within the early Church. This course explores developments and changes in how ministry has been understood and practiced ever since.

### Outline

Week 1: The Ministry of Jesus; Ministry in the New Testament

Week 2: Ministry in the early Church: 90-450

Week 3: Ministry during the Middle Ages

Week 4: The Reformation and Counter-Reformation

Week 5: Perspectives on Ministry Today

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### Bio

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