

THEO622: Theology, Power & the Common Good

Instructor	Dr. Eric J. Freeman
Schedule	Thursdays, 6 – 8:30 pm
Description	This capstone seminar equips civic, corporate, and nonprofit leaders to engage with systems of power with theological clarity and moral courage, integrating biblical wisdom, ethical analysis, and public leadership. Building on prior coursework in moral leadership (Fall 2025) and public vocation (Spring 2026), this course examines the theological foundations of power, the structural dynamics of injustice, and the formative practices that sustain ethical leadership in service of the common good.
Requirements	Reading: Students will complete approximately 700 pages of reading and should come to class prepared to discuss the readings assigned.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Reflection Papers: 6 pages (500 words each) • Capstone Strategic Analysis Paper: 12–14 pages (3,000–3,500 words) • Peer Engagement Responses: 3–4 pages (three responses, 250–350 words each) • Total Written Work: 21–24 pages
	Other Assignments: Public Presentation (Week 13) – 10–12 minute formal presentation of the Capstone D2P2™ Strategic Framework Project, delivered to the cohort as a stakeholder address.

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Eric J. Freeman, <i>Social Justice and Echoes of Paul: Grimké's Evangelical Emancipatory Homiletic</i> (FIIR Press, 2025). Free PDF provided by instructor – no purchase required.	Free	~200
James H. Cone, <i>The Cross and the Lynching Tree</i> (Orbis Books, 2011) ISBN-13: 978-1570759420	~\$18.00	~166
Howard Thurman, <i>Jesus and the Disinherited</i> (Beacon Press, 1996, reprint) ISBN-13: 978-0807010297	~\$13.49	~100
<i>Additional required readings (excerpts from Wolterstorff, Augustine, Niebuhr, Jennings, Alberta, Bayer, King, Grimké, and Freeman) provided at no cost on Canvas.</i>	Free	~236