

# Seminar Notes

## Seminar 1: Missions from a Reformed Perspective

### Introduction

- I. Historical Background and Clarifications
  - a. Liberalism vs Fundamentalism in the United States
    - i. Foundation of the Independent Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board
    - ii. Foundation of the OPC and Westminster Seminary
  - b. Our role in the larger body of Christ
- II. Characteristics of Reformed Missions
  - a. Emphasis on Church Planting (the church)
    - i. High view of the church
    - ii. Role of ordained ministers/lay people
  - b. Emphasis on the gospel/grace
    - i. Not social gospel
    - ii. Move against a works mentality in missions
  - c. Emphasis on teaching/training
    - i. Training Pastors
    - ii. Training Lay Leaders (Elders, deacons, others)

### Conclusion

### Discussion Questions:

1. Do Reformed folk in Singapore have the reputation of not being mission minded? If yes, why?
2. How do “performance” and “fruitfulness” idols affect our understanding of missions?
3. What are the opportunities and limitations of working with other (non-reformed folks) in missions?