



PURPOSE

The purpose of The Basics of Systematic Theology is to give students a grasp of how faithful exegesis of the Word produces a right and good systematic theology. Systematic theology that is rooted in careful exegesis serves as a grid and guardrails in our study of the Word. As we *rightly divide the Word of Truth*, we begin to see how God's Word fits perfectly together.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Each student should learn how faithful exegesis contributes to a careful systematic theology. Since systematic theology is rooted in the exegesis of the Word (not the other way around), our systematic theology should always be maturing because we are continuing to better understand God's Word. By the end of this course, each student should have a better grasp of what it means to have a theological method. Each student should also have a taste of each major theological topic. Fundamentally, each student should be thoroughly convinced through both the instructions and course work that systematic theology is the product of careful exegesis in the text.

SCHEDULE: The Basics of Bible Teaching

- **Week 1:** October 7 | Theological Process – *How & why we do Systematic Theology*
- **Week 2:** October 14 | Theology Proper – *the study of God the Father & the Trinity*
 - WORD WORKSHEET: _____
 - READING: _____
- **Week 3:** October 21 | Christology – *the study of Christ*
 - WORD WORKSHEET: _____
 - READING: _____
- **Week 4:** October 28 | Bibliology & Pneumatology – *the study of the Word and the Spirit*
 - WORD WORKSHEET: _____
 - READING: _____
- **Week 5:** November 4 | Anthropology & Hamatology – *the study of Mankind & Sin*
 - WORD WORKSHEET: _____
 - READING: _____
- **Week 6:** November 11 | Soteriology – *the study of Salvation*
 - WORD WORKSHEET: _____
 - READING: _____
- **Week 7:** November 18 | Eschatology & Eschatology – *the study of Last Things & the People of God*
 - WORD WORKSHEET: _____
 - READING: _____



HOMEWORK

- **Reading** – You will be asked to read and thoughtfully engage with an article to discuss in class. We encourage you to take notes or underline what you agree or disagree with in the article so we can discuss it together.
- **Writing** – Most weeks you will write a paragraph (100-150 words) interacting with your reading or Word-work. We will provide the specific question to answer in your writing and will give you feedback.
- **Word-work** – Each week you will answer specific questions about a passage of Scripture. Most weeks you will discuss your work in your small group.
- **Form for Homework** – Every week you will fill out a form sent through GroupMe to turn in your homework.

SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTIONS:

- Working out our understanding of the Word together is good for us! Small group is where we have time to work out the lecture and homework.
- The point of these times is to have full participation — which means we want everyone in the group participating each week. Due to group size and time constraints, there is no need to give extended, long-winded answers. However, the goal is to get us to work out the Word together in such a way that goes beyond the surface.
- Small Group leaders will be facilitating the conversation and keeping time. If the small group leader “cuts you off” for the sake of keeping time, please do not get offended. We want each small group to get through all the questions each week.
- In your small group, those who are eager to talk, may be asked to refrain from answering a question so that those who are more reserved can speak up. Again, please do not take it personally if you are asked to speak less or speak up.