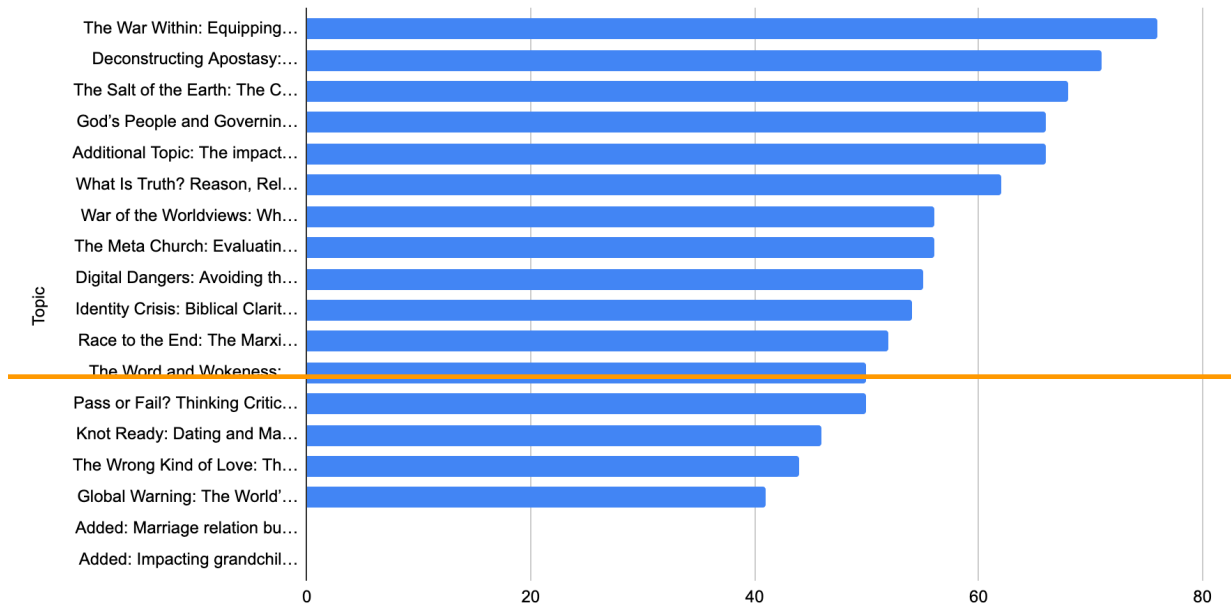


Cultural Study Topics



Nine Remaining Meetings this Year

Leading Yourself

- (#1) The War Within: Equipping God's People to Win the Battle for the Mind
- (#5) Additional Topic: The impact of AI on the world - benefits and drawbacks
- (#6) What Is Truth? Reason, Relativism, and Reality

Leading The Next Generation

- (#2) Deconstructing Apostasy: What Scripture Says About Abandoning the Faith
- (#3) The Salt of the Earth: The Church's Witness in a Christless Culture
- (#9) Identity Crisis: Biblical Clarity for a Culture Characterized by Gender Confusion

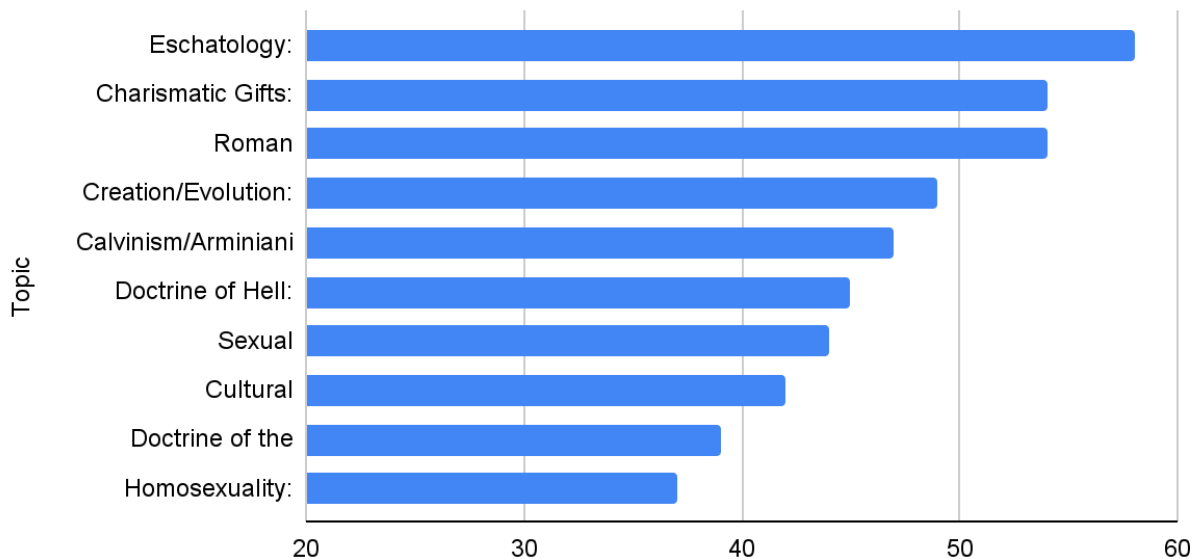
Leading Your Family

- (#4) God's People and Governing Powers: When to Defer and When to Disobey
- (#7) War of the Worldviews: Where Christianity and Culture Collide
- (#8) The Meta Church: Evaluating Virtual Substitutes for Weekly Worship

Quarterly Offsites

- **Fall 2025** - NFL Sunday Watch Party would be cheap and popular
- **Winter 2026** - Bowling
- **Spring 2026** - Top Golf
- **End of Year 2026**- Rangers Game
 - Rangers' Home Opener - April 3, 2026

Theological Topics



Thoughts on How to Attack

- Identify complexity level associated with each topic
- Based on complexity, figure out whether we address it as part of a retreat weekend, a portion of a Saturday AM lesson, a “podcast”, or some other way

Topic	Complexity	Method
Eschatology: Has Christ already come in A.D. 70? Is the Millennium future? Is the Tribulation future? Is there a secret rapture of the church or is it the same thing as the Second Coming of Christ? When does the Rapture occur? Before the tribulation, after, or in the middle?		
Charismatic Gifts: Is there a separate category of gifts called the “supernatural sign gifts”? Are these gifts still given today? This includes tongues, prophecy, interpretation of tongues, healings, and miracles.		
Roman Catholicism: Can Roman Catholics be saved? Do they have the true Gospel? Are they a cult?		
Creation/Evolution: Did God use evolution? Are the six days in Genesis literal? Is the Earth young or old? Was there a real Adam and Eve? Did God use evolution to create the universe?		

Calvinism/Arminianism: This is the whole predestination debate and everything that goes with it. Do we have free will? Is our election unconditional or conditional? Do unbelievers have a legitimate chance to be saved?		
Doctrine of Hell: Does it really exist? How long are people there? What is the nature of Hell? Fire? Darkness? Separation from God?		
Sexual Anthropology: Can women be pastors? Did god create men and women differently and assign different roles to each sex? Or are the roles based on individual giftedness, not sex?		
Cultural Ecclesiology: Should the church involve modern music? Are we to be seeker sensitive? Is the church able to adjust to the culture, accommodating to their style? Should Sunday morning be focused on the believer or the unbelievers?		
Doctrine of the Atonement: Why did Christ go to the cross? Who required it, God the Father? Satan? Was it just an example?		
Homosexuality: Does the Bible condemn homosexuality? Is it universally/timelessly condemned or is circumstantial in the context of the culture? Can a practicing homosexual be a Christian?		

Retreat Survey Take-aways

- Winter 2026 (Jan - Feb) would be a good fit for most guys and would line up with our intent of encouraging men to do some strategic thinking/planning for the year
- Marginal difference between overnight vs. day-only retreat durations
- Preference would be offsite, within 2 hours of the church (unanimous)

Retreat Options

- <https://stillwatersretreattexas.com/retreats> - \$2,500/night for 2 nights or \$3,000 for one night
- [AirBnB at Possum Kingdom Lake](#) - \$2,500 total for 2 nights
- <https://www.riverbend.camp/rates> - Glen Rose, TX - \$36/person/night (roughly \$720/night); Meals \$12/person/meal