



First Baptist Choctaw
The Training Program
2022-2023 Course Guide

Teacher

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Course Description

The Training Program is a 2 semester long, cohort-based, interdisciplinary discipleship class for anyone desiring to grow deeper in their walk with Jesus. Participants will develop competencies in Christian story, Christian doctrine, and spiritual formation. The goal of the Training Program is to equip members of the church with increased Bible literacy and theological understanding which leads to elevated devotion and service to Jesus Christ and the building of His church.

Course Objectives

The student who completes the Training Program should be able to do the following:

1. Read and interpret the Bible using inductive Bible study and tools of Biblical theology
2. Communicate the story of the Bible and the importance of the biblical metanarrative for the Christian life
3. Share the gospel with non-believers
4. Possess elevated Bible literacy and theological understanding of Christian belief leading to devotion to and service of the Lord Jesus Christ and the building of His church
5. Engage with primary and secondary theological resources
6. Articulate doctrinal positions on primary, secondary, and tertiary theological matters
7. Better disciple other believers
8. Teach a Connect Group or other discipleship class

Course Texts

- A reference or study Bible in a reputable translation. (CSB, ESV, NASB, NIV, etc.)
- Emerson, Matthew Y. *The Story of Scripture: An Introduction to Biblical Theology*. B&H Academic, 2017.
- Grudem, Wayne. *Bible Doctrine: Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith: 2nd edition*. Zondervan, 2021.
- Hunter, Trent and Wellum, Stephen. *Christ from Beginning to End*. Zondervan, 2018.

Recommended (but not required) texts:

- Akin, Daniel L. *10 Who Changed the World*. B&H Publishing, 2012.
- Akin, Daniel L. *A Theology for the Church*. B&H Academic, 2014.
- Chute, Anthony L., Finn, Nathan A., and Haykin, Michael A.G. *The Baptist Story: From English Sect to Global Movement*. B&H Academic, 2015.
- Duesing, Jason G. and Finn, Nathan A. *Historical Theology for the Church*. B&H Academic, 2021.
- Fee, Gordon D. and Stuart, Douglas. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*. Zondervan, 2014.
- Fuhr, Richard A. and Kostenberger, Andreas J. *Inductive Bible Study*. B&H Academic, 2016.
- Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology*. Zondervan, 2021.
- Harper, Keith and Whitfield, Amy. *SBC FAQs: A Ready Reference*. B&H Academic, 2018.
- Hamilton, James M. *What is Biblical Theology?* Crossway, 2014.
- McGrath, Alistair. *The Christian Theology Reader: 5th edition*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2016.
- Mohler, R. Albert. *The Apostles' Creed*. Nelson Books, 2019.
- Ortlund, Gavin. *Theological Retrieval for Evangelicals: Why We Need our Past to Have a Future*. Crossway, 2019.
- Schreiner, Patrick. *The Visual Word*. Moody Publishers, 2021.
- Whitney, Donald S. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. NavPress, 2014.

Course Assignments

Throughout the course, participants will complete assignments that will challenge them to think biblically about a variety of matters surrounding the Christian life. Assignments include, but are not limited to, activities such as:

- Being able to articulate the Gospel as well as the story of the Bible
- Writing brief reflection papers
- Composing doctrinal statements on primary and secondary theological issues
- Critiquing differing theological positions with grace and charity

Course Expectations

The Training Program requires a time commitment both inside and outside of class. However, each participant of the Training Program will greatly benefit from the in-depth study time during the duration of the course. As such, students are expected to:

- Attend in-person every week. No simulcast or makeup sessions will be offered
- Engage with the readings each week before class
- Complete course assignments
- Engage in thoughtful discussion during the in-person class sessions

Course Outline

Fall 2022

- I. The Foundation of Christian Theology
- II. The Doctrine of the Word of God
- III. The Doctrine of God
 - a. Creation and Providence
- IV. The Doctrine of Man
 - a. Anthropology and Sin
- V. The Story of Scripture
 - a. Abrahamic Covenant
 - b. Exodus, the Mosaic Covenant, and the Attributes of God
 - c. Wisdom Literature
 - d. Exile and the Hope of a Future Kingdom
- VI. Introduction to the Doctrine of Christ
 - a. The Incarnation

Spring 2023

- I. The Doctrine of Christ
 - a. Christology
 - b. Crucifixion and Atonement
 - c. Resurrection and Ascension
- II. The Doctrine of Salvation
- III. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
- IV. The Doctrine of the Church
 - a. Mission of the Church
 - b. Marks of the Church
 - c. Ordinances of the Church
- V. The Doctrine of the Last Things

