

Topeka Bible Church – Men’s Fraternity
Root Issues: A Study of Christian Doctrine

Session Schedule, Fall 2010

Session 1: *Doctrine – An Introduction*
September 15, 2010

DOCTRINE AND DISCERNMENT:

Session 2: *The Value of Knowing the Scoop*
September 22, 2010

Session 3: *Don’t Forget to Add a Cup of Discernment*
September 29, 2010

THE BIBLE:

Session 4: *God’s Book – God’s Voice*
October 6, 2010

Session 5: *Handling the Scriptures Accurately*
October 13, 2010

GOD THE FATHER:

Session 6: *Knowing God: Life’s Major Pursuit*
October 20, 2010

Session 7: *Loving God: Our Ultimate Response*
October 27, 2010

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:

Session 8: *When the God-Man Walked Among Us*
November 3, 2010

Session 9: *Mary’s Little Lamb*
November 10, 2010

Session 10: *Changing Lives Is Jesus’ Business*
November 17, 2010

THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Session 11: *The Spirit Who Is Not a Ghost*
December 1, 2010

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Session Schedule, Spring 2011

THE DEPRAVITY OF HUMANITY:

Session 12: *From Creation to Corruption*
January 12, 2011

Session 13: *Exposing the Dark Side*
January 19, 2011

SAVLATION:

Session 14: *“Mr. Smith, Meet Your Substitute”*
January 26, 2011

Session 15: *The Remedy for Our Disease*
February 2, 2011

THE RETURN OF CHRIST:

Session 16: *His Coming is Sure ... Are You?*
February 9, 2011

Session 17: *Until He Returns ... What?*
February 16, 2011

RESURRECTION:

Session 18: *Visiting the Real Twilight Zone*
February 23, 2011

Session 19: *An Interview With One from Beyond*
March 2, 2011

THE BODY OF CHRIST:

Session 20: *God’s Body-Building Program*
March 9, 2011

Session 21: *Three Cheers for the Church*
March 23, 2011

THE FAMILY OF GOD:

Session 22: *Encouragement Served Family Style*
March 30, 2011

Lesson 23: *Worship: Let It Shine! Let It Shine!*
April 6, 2011

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I. **Theology Needs to Be Interesting**

- A. It is a crime to bore people with the Bible!
- B. What you believe determines who you become.
- C. We live in crucial times!

II. **The Need to Improve Theology’s Reputation**

- A. Jesus detested the “ivory tower.”
- B. Everyone is a “theologian.”

III. **Why is Doctrine Often So Dull?**

- A. Theologians can be hard to understand.
- B. People don’t see the practical value of doctrine.
- C. Doctrine isn’t just for pastors and ministers.

IV. An Approach that Will Keep Things Interesting

- A. We will cover the essentials.
- B. We will define terms.
- C. Try to use a Study Bible and Concordance.
- D. Weekly Small Group Discussion time.

V. Ten Major Areas of Doctrine

- 1. The Bible (Sessions 4 & 5)
- 2. God the Father (Sessions 6 & 7)
- 3. The Lord Jesus Christ (Sessions 8, 9, & 10)
- 4. The Holy Spirit (Sessions 11)
- 5. The Depravity of Humanity (Sessions 12 & 13)

6. Salvation (Sessions 14 & 15)

7. The Return of Christ (Sessions 16 & 17)

8. The Resurrection (Sessions 18 & 19)

9. The Body of Christ (Sessions 20 & 21)

10. The Family of God (Sessions 22 & 23)

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. When you think about studying “doctrine,” what comes to mind? Boredom? Fear? Excitement? Something else? Be honest. Do you have any previous experience in studying doctrine?
2. Why do you think it is essential for us to study and understand doctrine or theology? What value can this type of study hold? What are you hoping to gain from this study?
3. You will be praying for one another during your Group time each week. Take some time to share with and pray for each other now.