

School of Ministry – Knowledge of God (Doctrine 1)

Week 1 – Course Details



Intro to the Course

Welcome along to *School of Ministry* for Term 2 2018. This term the *Doctrine of the Knowledge of God (Doctrine 1)* – a study of some of the great truths of the Bible particularly the ones that tell us about God.

Course Aims

The aim of the course is fourfold:

First, to learn about the glory of God and his purposes for us and for the world. Hopefully we will understand God better and how he wants us to respond to him.

Second, to be a helpful introduction to the study of *systematic theology* – that is to consider what the Bible says about some of the key themes that are repeated and addressed throughout the Bible. We will look at themes such as Revelation, Sovereignty, Trinity, Creation, Salvation, Eschatology (Last Days), and Renewal.

Third, to engage your heart humbly before the Word of God - my hope is that you will gain more than just information but that your study will evoke a response in both conduct and belief.

Fourth, to address some of the objections that non-Christians often raise (concerning the topics we will cover) and to then think through how we might lovingly show them how the Bible addresses their concern.

Last, to have fun learning the Bible together.

Schedule

Monday 18th June - The Gospel of God

Monday 25th June – Knowing God

Monday 2nd July – Sources for the Knowledge of God

Monday 9th July – The Bible as the Word of God

Monday 16th July - The God we Know (1)

Monday 23rd July – The God we Know (2): The Trinity

Monday 30th July – The God who Creates

Monday 6th August – The God who Saves

Monday 13th August – The God who Rules History

Monday 20th August – The God who Renews (*with Arthur Ang*)

Optional (Online, open book) Exam – from Monday 27th August.

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Venue:

CB Howard Hall at Trinity City – from 6pm to 7.30pm

Course Materials and Session Recordings

Once your registration is paid, *Moore Distance* will give you online access to their *Online Learning Environment* (OLE). The OLE contains all study materials and assessments for the course, including interactive maps, audio resources, extra reading and forums – as well as the final exam.

As part of the *School of Ministry* (at Trinity) you will receive extra notes and our sessions will be digitally recorded so that you can review or catch-up on sessions that we have run. These can be found at **Church Central** - <https://bit.ly/2t3Q2Ck>

Resource Books

For most of the *Preliminary Theological Course* (PTC) subjects the *New Bible Dictionary* (Leicester: IVP, 2nd Ed. 1992) is a recommended text. Furthermore it is a useful resource book for the preparation of future Bible studies. Well worth the investment.

In the case of this subject (Doctrine 1) a second text may be helpful: W.A. Elwell, *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1984). This book contains excellent short articles of various topics of theology.

Other books will be recommended along the way.

Quiet Times

Without trying to overload you, doing your 'quiet times' by looking at the key passages mentioned each week in these notes might be beneficial. It might help you apply what you learn into your life. If you want suggestions or info on how to do this, feel free to ask me.

Extra Help

Feel free to contact me for assistance at any time – ph 0412 620 588 or email (below).

I really hope that you enjoy studying the *Doctrine of the Knowledge of God* (Doctrine 1). I can guarantee that whatever effort you put in will be rewarded as you deal with the Word of God.

Enjoy.

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