

Foundations

Week 1 - What is a Christian? The Gospel

1. Introduction - class, format, timing, etc. (5 min)
2. Group - **What is a Christian?** (5 min)
3. Leader - (10 min)
 - a. Christianity and the Bible
 - i. Henry Theissen
 1. "The Christian religion is _____"
 - b. The word **Christian** means _____
 - c. Belief in the person, work, and teachings of Jesus
 - i. Orthodox
 1. E.g. Divinity and Humanity
4. Group - **What is the Gospel?** (5 min)
5. Leader - (10 min)
 - a. Hebrew and Greek explanations
 - i. Hb. - A _____ announcement
 - ii. G. - The _____
 - b. Jesus claimed He would bring _____
 - c. Jesus is the _____
6. Q&A - (5 min)
7. Group - **How does this look in your life?** (10-15 min)
8. Next week's topic - (5 min)

Further Reading

- John Walvrod - Jesus Christ our Lord
- ["Faith IN Christ" or "Faithfulness OF Christ"](#) - TGC
- Tim Challies and Josh Byers - Visual Theology - ch.1-2
- J.N.D. Kelly - Early Christian Creeds

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Week 2 - Bibliology - The Bible

1. Introduction - (5 min)
2. Group - **What is the Bible?** (5 min)
3. Leader - (10 min)
 - a. Divisions
 - b. Reading and understanding
 - i. Gaps
 - ii. Historical peculiarity **and** eternal applicability
 - iii. Interpretation
 1. Context
4. Group - **What makes the Bible different?** (5 min)
5. Leader - (10 min)
 - a. Numbers of the Bible
 - b. The three I's of the Bible
 - i. I_____, I_____, I_____
 1. How they relate
6. Q&A - (5 min)
7. Group - **What role does/should the Bible play in your life?**
(10-15 min)
8. Next week's topic - (5 min)

Further Reading (a starting selection)

- Gregory Koukl - Never Read A Bible Verse - free PDF [here](#)
- Roy Zuck - Basic Bible Interpretation
- How To Read The Bible For All It's Worth - Gordon Fee

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Week 3 - Christology - Jesus

1. Introduction - (5 min)
2. Group - **Who is Jesus?** (5 min)
3. Leader - (10 min)
 - a. **The Person**
 - b. Jesus is both ___ and ___
 - i. Jesus has two _____ but one _____
 1. The H_____ U_____
4. Group - **How is He God AND man?** (5 min)
5. Leader - (10 min)
 - a. **The Work**
 - i. Foretold, Essential, and Fundamental
 - ii. Crucifixion
 - iii. Resurrection
6. Q&A - (5 min)
7. Group - **What role does Jesus play in your life?** (10-15 min)
8. Next week's topic - (5 min)
 - a. Pneumatology / Ecclesiology

Further Reading

- Jesus Christ Our Lord - John Walvoord
- Lectures in Systematic Theology - Henry Clarence Thiessen
- Could Jesus Have Sinned? - read it [here](#)
- Did Jesus Cast Aside His Deity In The Incarnation? - read it [here](#)

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Week 4 - Pneumatology - The Holy Spirit

1. Introduction - (5 min)
2. Group - **Who is the Holy Spirit?** (5 min)
3. Leader - **The person of the Holy Spirit** - (10 min)
 - a. רוח - Hebrew: "RU-AKH"
 - b. πνεῦμα Greek: "P-NEUMA"
 - c. The first time God's Spirit appears in the Bible is on Page _____
 - d. Attributes of God, speaks as God
 - i. Hebrews 9.14, Psalm 139.7, Luke 1.35**
 - e. Personality
 - i. Mind, emotions, will
 - 1. Acts 21.11, Isaiah 63.10, Ephesians 4.30, 1 Corinthians 12.11**
 - ii. Personal pronouns
4. Group - (5 min)
5. Leader - **The work of the Holy Spirit** - (10 min)
 - a. רוח - Hebrew: "RU-AKH"
 - i. Influence, empower, promised
 - b. πνεῦμα Greek: "P-NEUMA"
 - i. Resurrection, new creation, presence, church
6. Q&A - (5 min)
7. Group - **Where do you see the Spirit at work in your life?** (10-15 min)
8. Next week's topic - (5 min)
 - a. Ecclesiology

Further Reading

- Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God - Gordon Fee
- A Survey of Bible Doctrine - Charles C. Ryrie
- Who is the Holy Spirit? - R.C. Sproul
- Lectures in Systematic Theology - Henry Clarence Thiessen

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Week 5 - Ecclesiology - The Church

1. Introduction - (5 min)
2. Group - **What is the church and why is it important?** (5 min)
3. Leader - **The form and nature** - (10 min)
 - a. What it is *not*...what it *is*...
 - b. ἐκκλησία "*ek-lay-sia*"
 - c. Two distinctions
 - d. Organised
 - i. Offices, roles
4. Group - **What do you think the role of the church is?** (5 min)
5. Leader - **The function** - (10 min)
 - a. Great Commission heritage - **Matthew 28.19-20**
 - i. Missions and Evangelism
 - ii. Fellowship and Identification
 - iii. Education, edification, and encouragement
6. Q&A - (5 min)
7. Group - **You and church** (10-15 min)
8. Next week's topic - (5 min)
 - a. Eschatology - the end times

Further Reading

- A Survey of Bible Doctrine, ch.8 - Charles C. Ryrie
- Lectures in Systematic Theology, part 7 - Henry Clarence Thiessen
- Why We Love The Church - Kevin DeYoung and Ted Kluck

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Week 6 - (Personal) Eschatology - The End

1. Introduction - (5 min)
2. Group - ***What do you think happens when we die?*** (5 min)
 - a. ***Is this from the Word or from tradition?***
3. Leader - **Eschatology** - (10 min)
 - a. What are we talking about?
 - i. General and personal
 - b. Physical death is...
 - c. Then what?
 - i. Scriptural and others
4. Group - ***How does this fit with who God is?*** (5 min)
5. Leader - **Theology** - (10 min)
 - a. Image
 - b. Resurrection (s)?
 - c. Judgement
6. Q&A - (5 min)
7. Group - ***What does this do for you?*** (10-15 min)
8. Next week's topic - (5 min)

Further Reading

- [Personal Eschatology: What Happens When I Die? – GoodLion](#)
- Lectures in Systematic Theology, part 8 – Henry Clarence Thiessen
- A Survey of Bible Doctrine, ch.9 – Charles Ryrie
- Erasing Hell – Francis Chan and Preston Sprinkle