

Theology Bootcamp: Drama

Theology Bootcamp is a three-part discipleship program designed to help you grow as a disciple. Throughout this three-part program, you will learn about the core doctrines of the Christian faith (Doctrine), the overarching narrative of the entire Bible (Drama), and how to flourish as a disciple of Jesus (Discipleship). By weaving together these three elements into a holistic approach to discipleship, men and women have the opportunity to grow in their love for God, Scripture and his mission.

This eight-week bootcamp immerses participants in the story of the Bible. The bootcamp will gather digitally (via Zoom) on Wednesday evenings, from January 6-February 24. Each gathering will consist of class and cohort discussion, as well as formation exercises. Please plan for two to three hours of homework a week.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Participants will be able to define the overarching narrative of the Bible
- Participants will be able to summarize what ties the Old and New Testaments together
- Participants will be able to illustrate the Bible as one, unified story

BASIC SCHEDULE

Theology Bootcamp Orientation:

• December 16, 2020 from 7-8 p.m. via Zoom

Theology Bootcamp Sessions:

• Wednesdays (January 6-February 24) from 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom

REQUIREMENTS

1. Charity

...the greatest of these is love (1 Cor.13:13). Disciples of Jesus are called to be marked by their love for God and their love for neighbor. Theology Bootcamp participants will be called to progress in their walk with Christ, and to demonstrate a posture of love towards God and one another. Discipleship is never an individual task; by definition, it is community oriented. While communal discipleship presents many challenges, it also presents many opportunities for us to be charitable with one another. A charitable and loving spirit is required of all Theology Bootcamp participants.

2. Attendance

Because you have committed to a spot in Theology Bootcamp, someone else does not have a spot. For this reason, each student is permitted one absence. Even if a student misses a bootcamp session, they are required to complete all of the reading/assignments associated with the missed week. If a student misses more than one session, they will be asked to withdraw from the Theology Bootcamp. Please contact your cohort leader if you need to miss a session or have extenuating circumstances.

3. Participation

One of the primary goals of Theology Bootcamp is to encourage and promote thoughtful participation in lectures, discussions, and assignments. The more you are willing to participate and be vulnerable through the discussion and exercises, the more you will benefit from this Theology Bootcamp.

4. Cohort Discussion

Class sessions will regularly have cohort-led discussion. Sometimes, these discussions will be organized; at other times, you will be asked to sustain theological conversation on your own. Regular theological articulation and conversation is a requirement of all Theology Bootcamp participants.

5. Multiplication

Theology Bootcamp participants are expected to multiply themselves through discipling and training others. Christian discipleship produces and multiplies more followers of Jesus Christ. So, always be prepared to answer the question, "What are you learning and who are you teaching it to?"

The highest form of learning is demonstrating the ability to teach material to someone else. Multiply yourself by teaching and training others.

6. Reading

Theology Bootcamp participants will read an entire book and several articles over the course of the bootcamp. Students are required to keep up with the weekly reading schedule. Students are required to purchase the class textbook on their own before the start of the Theology Bootcamp.

7. Bible Memorization & Recitation

Each participant will memorize and recite the title of each book of the Bible in order (e.g. Genesis to Revelation) and one of the following:

- The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
- The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
- The Creation Account (Genesis 1 & 2:1-4)
- Peter's Sermon at Pentecost (Acts 2:14-36)

8. Assignments

Participants will find the bootcamp syllabus and all assignments on Canvas. Every student will be given access to Canvas prior to the start of Theology Bootcamp. Students

will receive an overview of how to use Canvas at the orientation. It is the student's responsibility to review and complete assignments online.

REQUIRED BOOK:

• <u>The God Who Is There</u> by Don Carson

SCHEDULE AND DUE DATES:

Week 1: Creation & Fall // Jan. 6

- Lecture #1
- <u>Read:</u> The God Who Is There (pp. 9-42)
- Homework: Complete workbook assignments
- Recommended Resources: "How to Read the Bible: Biblical Story"

Week 2: Covenant // Jan. 13

- Lecture #2
- <u>Read:</u> The God Who Is There (pp. 43-70)
- Homework: Complete workbook assignments
- Recommended Resources: "How to Read the Bible: Covenants"

Week 3: Kingdom & Wisdom // Jan. 20

- Lecture #3
- Read: The God Who Is There (pp. 71-100) by Carson
- Homework: Complete workbook assignments
- <u>Recommended Resources: "How to Read the Bible: Gospel of the Kingdom"</u>

Week 4: Prophets // Jan 27

- Lecture #4
- <u>Read:</u> The God Who Is There (pp. 101-107; "<u>The Gospel in Isaiah;</u>" "<u>The Gospel in Ezekiel;</u>" "<u>The Gospel in Daniel</u>"
- Homework: Complete workbook assignments
- Recommended Resources: "How to Read the Bible: The Prophets"

Week 5: Christ // Feb. 3

- Seminar
- <u>Read:</u> The God Who Is There (pp. 107-134)
- Homework: None

Week 6: Redemption & Church // Feb. 10

- Lecture #5
- <u>Read:</u> The God Who Is There (pp. 169-200) by Carson
- <u>Homework:</u> Complete workbook assignments
- Recommended Resources: "How to Read the Bible: Sacrifice & Atonement"

Week 7: Consummation // Feb. 17

- Lecture #6
- Read: The God Who Is There (pp. 201-224) by Carson
- Homework: Complete workbook assignments
- Recommended Resources: "How to Read the Bible: The New Humanity"

Week 8: TBC: Drama in Review // Feb. 24

- Read: None
- <u>Homework:</u> Reflection—Reflect on the past eight weeks and write down two ways you have grown in your knowledge and love of God throughout this Theology Bootcamp. Be specific (Ex. "I have grown to love God more as I've learned about the covenants...").