



“If you abide in my word,
you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the
truth, and the truth will
set you free.”

John 8:31-32



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2009
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Theological Reading Groups

Beginning in July 2009 hundreds of Lindsay Lane men will have the opportunity to dig deep into the study of God as a member of a Theological Reading Group.

Theology is simply the study of God. Theological Reading Groups (or TRGs) have been formed at Lindsay Lane to offer men the opportunity to join with other men to study and know God more deeply. There are no pre-requesters to join a group—just a commitment to meet weekly for 90 minutes over the next 16 months and a desire to grow in Christian walk.

There are two tracks of study offered. There is Systematic Theology and a Biblical Theology.

Systematic Theology Track

Systematic theology is the study of God and His relationship to the world. It answers the question “What does the whole Bible teach us today?” about any given topic. It’s a methodical, ordered approach to understanding and comprehending who God is and how he reveals Himself to us through the Bible.

The test for Systematic Theology is Wayne Grudem’s *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*.

Biblical Theology

Biblical Theology is the quest for the Big Picture of scripture. It is the overview of Biblical revelation. It reveals that the Bible has a story line and this Big Picture must affect the way we approach individual Biblical texts. The Bible contains many timeless principles and in Biblical theology these principles are interpreted in a historical context in light of the Big Picture of scripture. If we allow the Bible to tell its own story, we find a coherent and meaningful whole.

The two texts we use for Biblical Theology are Mark Dever’s *Promise Made: The Message of the Old Testament and Promises Kept: The Message of the New Testament*.

TRG Guidelines

How much time is required?

- Groups will meet for 90 minutes once a week.
- Each member commits to read the assigned reading before each week’s meeting.

Do we all read the same thing?

- Each group will read the assigned text for their track.
- All groups will stay on the same weekly reading schedule—no exceptions.

What is expected of me—and my group?

- The group will discuss (not debate) the chapter assigned for the week.
- The group is for theological reading. It is not a prayer group, accountability group or counseling group.
- Groups are to be fun, enlightening, thought provoking and life changing.
- At the moment, these are men’s groups only.

How do I register?

- Please Complete the attached Registration Form and return to the church office.
- Deadline for registration is June 14, 2009

When will I be assigned to my group?

- Group sizes will range from 7 to 12 persons.
- All TRG’s will begin reading the week of July 6. Please read the assignment for week one before the first group meeting.

What else?

- Purchase your own book.
- Get ready for a dynamic season of personal growth as you deepen your understanding of God and His relationship to the world.

***Join us for a mandatory TRG kick-off rally with everyone who is committing to be in a TRG this year. The rally will be at LLBC in the Youth Worship Center Sunday June 28 at 4:30 p.m.**

SIGN ME UP!

Please register me for a TRG. I understand I will be notified in... about my assigned reading group. **Please return to the Church Office no later than Sunday.....**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Home E-mail _____

Work E-mail _____

Are you a Lindsay Lane member? yes no

If not, where are you a member?

TRG Track Systematic Biblical Theology

Mark 2 choices for meeting day: 1=first Choice 2=second choice

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

My preferred meeting time is:

Early (5:30/6:00am) Mid-morning (9:00/9:30am)

Lunch (11:30/12:00pm) Evening (5:30/6:00pm)

NOTE: All day/time choices are general time frames in which to form groups. Not all day/time choices are available for every track.

Is there one person who is also committing to TRG that you would like to be in a group with? (We will try to put you in a group together, but cannot guarantee it.)

Name: _____