

Personal Systematic Theology

Senior Course Syllabus

Description:

In this course, the seniors will reflect upon the core beliefs of Christianity and develop their own understanding of these beliefs. They will be guided by various readings from the Bible and other literature, group discussions and personal reflection. The material presented is from the Protestant perspective, though the students are encouraged to understand these topics from their own religious viewpoint.

By the end of the course, the student shall be able to share, in a clear and concise manner, his/her basic understanding of creation, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, sin, and other related topics.

Grading:

Grading is based on the following:

1. Attendance
2. Participation
3. Coming prepared for the class (bringing your Bible- extra credit points)
4. Your wrestling with the reflection questions posed at the end of each class as documented in your journals.

Discussion Topics and Reflection Questions

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| 1 | Introduction/What is a personal theology? | What is Personal Systematic Theology? How is it formed? Why is it important to know what your PST is? |
| 2 | Creation | Discuss various views of creation. What do you believe about creation? |
| 3 | God | Discuss omni_____ of God. Who is God to you? What are some attributes of God? |
| 4 | Creation of Humanity | Review Genesis 1 and 2. Why was humanity created? How have we strayed from that? |
| 5 | Sin enters the world | Review Genesis 2. What is sin? |
| 6 | Jesus | What did Jesus claim about himself? Who is Jesus to you- Lord, Liar or Lunatic? |

- 7 Salvation- Redemption What does Christ's redemption mean to you? Find two verses. What do they mean to you?
- 8 Work of the Holy Spirit What is the Holy Spirit to you?
- 9 Spiritual Gifts What gift(s) do you have and how would you use it/them to serve others?
- 10 Ecclesiology (the Church) How does/would your church serve as a sign, foretaste and instrument of God's kingdom?
- 11 Devotion 1 Look at a devotional format. Write a devotional. Focus on "Hook" and "Took"
- 12 Devotion 2 Continue writing a devotional. Focus on "Book" and "Took" Assignment is due April 17.
- 13 Mauna Ala History of Mauna 'Ala and program for Maui and Hawai'i campuses visit on May 24.
- 14 Baccalaureate What is a baccalaureate service and what is the program like?