## **YEAR 1: Engaging Christianity**

# YEAR 2: Systematic Theology

## **YEAR 3: Embodying Christ**

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#### Bible Study: Overview, Means, & Observation

- · Why Bible study important: Exegesis v. Eisegesis
- · 5 Means: Hearing, Reading, Studying, Meditating, & Memorizing
- · Tools for Observation

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### **Bible Study: Interpretation & Application**

- · Review why Bible study is important
- · 6 Pitfalls & 5 Keys to Interpretation
- $\cdot$  5 Steps & 9 Questions for Application

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## **Prayer: Lord's Prayer & ACTS**

- · What prayer is and why it's important
- The prayer Jesus taught Us
- · ACTS as a simple outline to guide us

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#### Old Testament Story: Genesis-Malachi

- · Overview of OT documents
- ·OT narrative highlighting key themes (covenant, sacrifice, etc.)
- · Jesus as the true and better

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## Gospel Story: Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration

- $\cdot$  The four movements
- The four movements exemplified in Biblical narratives
- $\cdot$  The four movements exemplified in personal faith stories

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## **New Testament Story: Matthew-Revelation**

- · Overview of NT documents
- ·NT narrative highlighting key movements (Incarnation, passion, etc.)
- $\cdot$  Cultural and historical setting of the NT

### Idolatry & The Gospel

- $\cdot \text{What is idolatry?} \\$
- · Identifying personal and cultural idols
- · How the gospel subverts and fulfills (Jesus is better!)

Spiritual Warfare: World, Flesh, Devil

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- · We are at war!
- · Understanding our enemies: The world, the flesh, and the devil
- · Weapons & defenses we have against these enemies

## **BLESSing Your Neighbor**

- · Lost people are headed for destruction unless they come to Jesus
- · Breaking down the BLESS acronym
- Tools for sharing your story

#### **Truth, Revelation, & Scripture**

- · Objective v. Subjective Knowledge
- · The necessity of revelation: General and Special
- · Inspiration, Inerrancy, Illumination, Interpretation

#### The Greatness of God

- The sovereign nature of God
- The 3 Omni's
- · Transcendence and Immanence

#### The Goodness of God

- · The triune nature of God
- · God's moral & Relational qualities
- · The tension of love & justice

#### **Creation & Humanity**

- · God's aseity and creation ex nihilo for God's glory
- · Orthodox & Unorthodox understandings of creation
- $\cdot$  Imago dei, the divine mandate, gender, and the fall

## **Person & Work of Jesus**

- $\cdot$  The promised Messiah: Fully God and Fully Man
- · Jesus perfect life, sacrificial death, & resurrection
- · His current intercession and certain return

#### The Church and Her Mission

- The nature and character of the Church
- · The Church gathered (sacrements, kononia, worship, etc)
- · The Church scattered (corporate & personal mission)

#### Sin & Salvation

- The nature, source, results, and magnitude of Sin
- · Salvation by grace alone through faith alone
- · Salvation: Justification, Sanctification, Glorification

#### Person & Work of The Holy Spirit

- The Person of the Holy Spirit
- The Work of the Holy Spirit
- · Walking in step with the Spirit & Spiritual Gifts

#### Heaven, Hell, & Eternity

- · Jesus' Return & Judgment
- · Heaven, New Creation, & Rewards
- The certainty & severity of eternal punishment

## Apologetics: Science, Secularism, & The Bible

- The Bible & Science are not at odds
- The limits of naturalism & the sensibility of miracles
- · Christianity makes more sense than secularism

#### **Apologetics: The Problem of Pain & Suffering**

- The necessity of God for suffering to be objectively bad
- · Suffering as punishment and discipline
- · The suffering of Jesus frees to not understand all pain

### **Meditation & Practicing the Presence**

- · Christian meditation in response to scripture
- · Practicing the presence
- · Ongoing prayer & meditation compliments focused times

#### **Social Justice**

- · Social justice and communal welfare in Israel
- · Social justice in the teaching of Jesus and Apostles
- · Contemporary issues (poverty, racism, disasters, etc.)

### **Gospel Fluency: Gospel Storying**

- · My Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration narrative
- · Listening for other's C-F-R-R narrative
- · Jesus is the better

#### **Priesthood of All Believers**

- · Missio Dei
- Functions of OT priests
- · How we function as modern day priests

#### **Gospel Fluency: Root to Fruit**

- · All sin is idolatry & all of life is repentance
- Determining the root by the fruit
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Developing the fruit starting with the root

#### **Holiness & Spiritual Fruit**

- · Putting off sinful misdeeds of the body
- · Putting on Christian virtues (fruit of the Spirit)
- · Being made new in the attitude of the mind

### **Living for Eternity**

- · Relationships in light of eternity
- · Finances in light of eternity
- · Work in light eternity