

The information below is how we arrived at the pre-approved teachers for Doxa Small Groups. The point is not that only these teachers fit all of the criteria, but that these pastors/ teachers/ authors fit the criteria and provide a wealth of resources for our small groups to study together. The links provided for each person are a starting point so you know where to find some of their resources. Any written, audio, or video teaching is pre-approved regardless of where it is found.

1st Tier Qualifications: These doctrinal positions are of utmost importance for determining what is and what is not Christianity. A teacher who does not subscribe to ALL of these doctrines will not be considered as a pre-approved teacher.

- Trinity
- Incarnation (truly man, truly God)
- Substitutionary Atonement
- Bodily Resurrection
- Justification by Faith alone through grace alone
- Scripture as the inerrant, perfect, sufficient, and plenary inspired Word of God

2nd Tier Qualifications: These are doctrines and positions that while not being a matter of salvation, we believe are vital to our understanding of proper biblical teaching and interpretation. Significant differences of viewpoint on these issues will likely keep a teacher off of the list for Small Group study.

- Pervasive Depravity of mankind
- Eternal Security of the Believer
- Women as Pastors/Elders
- Biblical view of gender and marriage including Complementarianism and issues related to LGBTQ+
- Biblical Counseling vs. Integration
- Sacredness of human life as beings created in the image of God
- 6-Day Creation

3rd Tier Qualifications: These are matters of disagreement amongst many good Bible teachers and will not, on their own, keep a teacher from being approved for Small Group study.

- Mode of baptism
- The gifts
- Church governance
- Denominational Affiliation
- Eschatology