

EDC FEBRUARY PANEL NIGHT

SCRIPTURE AND HERMENEUTICS

- What is the Bible about? What is the storyline of Scripture?
- What does it mean that the Scriptures are inspired by God? How would you biblically show this?
- What would you say to a skeptic who says the Bible can't be the Word of God because it is full of errors and contradictions? For instance, how could someone account for the two contrary genealogies of Jesus in Matthew and Luke?
- How should we read and interpret Old Testament texts, like histories or law? Are they still applicable today?
- How do we know that the Biblical canon is accurate? Could there be other inspired books? For instance, what are we to think of the Apocrypha? Why is this not a part of the Bible?
- What are some key components to good Biblical interpretation and exegesis? For example, what are some questions to ask or things to look for when approaching a passage of Scripture?
- Is all Scripture to be interpreted literally? For instance, is it possible to faithfully interpret Jonah and the whale as an allegory?
- Someone in the church is struggling with reading their Bible. What would you say to help them?

SACRAMENTS

- What does it mean for something to be a sacrament? Why did God give us the sacraments?
- What is baptism? Why do we get baptized?
- How would you describe baptism as a means of grace? What benefit is there in being baptized? What does it actually do, if anything?
- Does baptism save you? How do you understand texts like 1 Peter 3:21 and Acts 2:38?
- A long time attender of the church signs up for baptism. As you are processing his story, he communicates that he has been baptized before when he was 10. How would you handle this? What follow-up questions would you ask?
- What do you look for when interviewing someone who wants to be baptized? Does your approach shift when talking to a child who is wanting to be baptized?
- What is the Lord's Supper? Why do we regularly eat this meal?
- How would you describe the Lord's Supper being a means of grace? What benefit is there in taking the Lord's Supper?
- What does "Real Presence" refer to when talking about Communion? How does this differ from transubstantiation and consubstantiation?
- You notice a member of the church who hasn't taken the Lord's Supper in the last few weeks. You approach him, and he says that he doesn't feel like he can take it because he struggles with pornography. How would you handle this situation?
- Should someone partake of communion before they have been baptized, if they identify as a follower of Jesus? Why or why not?