

STUDENT MINISTRY

Scope and Sequence

Purpose

The **Student Ministry Scope and Sequence** provides a framework for intentionally teaching students the foundational truths of the Christian faith throughout their time in Student Ministry. As students progress through each ministry environment, the Student Pastor prayerfully seeks wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit to teach God's Word in ways that are both **engaging, intentional, and meaningful**.

Sunday mornings utilize the **Bible Studies for Life** curriculum to provide a consistent and comprehensive foundation in Scripture. Wednesday nights center on the **preaching of the gospel every week**, rooted in Romans 1:16. Throughout the year, Wednesday night sermon series are developed from five primary teaching categories: **Apologetics & Worldview, Expository & Book Studies, Theology & Doctrine, Practical Christian Living & Spiritual Formation, and the Story of Scripture**.

These categories are also intentionally incorporated into **Summer Lunch Bible Studies** and **Sunday Evening Bible Studies**, allowing students to spend extended periods of time exploring particular areas of the Christian faith. This approach provides both **structure and flexibility**, ensuring that students are consistently exposed to the gospel, grounded in Scripture, equipped to understand and defend their faith, and challenged to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Sunday Morning

Bible Studies for Life

Sunday morning Bible studies utilize the **Bible Studies for Life** curriculum to provide students with a consistent, age-appropriate, and comprehensive foundation in Scripture.

- **Summer 2026 Scope & Sequence**
- **Fall 2026 Scope & Sequence**
- **Winter 2026 Scope & Sequence**

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Wednesday Night

Gospel-Centered Teaching

The gospel is preached **every Wednesday night**, providing a consistent opportunity for students to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:16

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”

Wednesday night sermon series generally range from **3–8 weeks** and are intentionally developed from five primary teaching categories.

Five Teaching Categories

1. Apologetics & Worldview

Teaching students how to understand, articulate, and defend the Christian faith while engaging the beliefs and ideas of the world around them.

Example:

- *Breakaways* — Classes on Apologetics & Missiology

2. Expository & Book Studies

Teaching through a specific biblical passage or book of the Bible, seeking to understand the meaning and application of God's Word within its context.

Example:

- *United* — A study of Romans 6

3. Theology & Doctrine

Teaching foundational Christian doctrines from Scripture so that students understand what Christians believe and why those beliefs matter.

Example:

- *Words of the Word* — A study of foundational doctrines from Scripture

4. Practical Christian Living & Spiritual Formation

Teaching students how the truths of Scripture shape their everyday lives, spiritual disciplines, character, and relationship with Christ.

Example:

- *Inspired* — A study of spiritual disciplines

5. The Story of Scripture

Teaching students to understand the overarching story of Scripture, as well as significant stories within the biblical narrative, and how they ultimately point to Christ.

Example:

- *To the Cross* — The story of Holy Week and the events leading to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Teaching Philosophy

Within this framework, the Student Pastor seeks the **guidance of the Holy Spirit** while exercising creative liberty to intentionally teach God's Word to students in an engaging, relevant, and meaningful manner. The scope and sequence provides direction and intentionality while allowing flexibility to respond to the spiritual needs of the students and the leading of the Lord.

Summer Lunch Bible Studies

During the summer, **one of the five primary teaching categories** is selected as the focus for the duration of the summer.

This extended format allows students to go deeper into a particular area of the Christian faith through focused teaching, discussion, and application.

Teaching Categories:

- Apologetics & Worldview
- Expository & Book Studies
- Theology & Doctrine
- Practical Christian Living & Spiritual Formation
- The Story of Scripture

Sunday Evening Bible Studies

During the **Fall and Spring semesters**, one of the five primary teaching categories is selected as the focus for the semester.

This format provides students with an extended opportunity to study a particular area of the Christian faith in greater depth while encouraging biblical understanding, meaningful discussion, and personal application.

Teaching Categories:

- Apologetics & Worldview
- Expository & Book Studies
- Theology & Doctrine
- Practical Christian Living & Spiritual Formation
- The Story of Scripture