



Group Covenant

- 1.** We will trust in the Holy Spirit working in and through our studying community: illuminating, inspiring, convicting, provoking, comforting, revealing, and transforming us as individuals and as a Christian community.
- 2.** We will be in prayer for each other and for our groups that we may grow in our faith, knowledge of Scripture, and discipleship of Jesus Christ.
- 3.** We will seek to be guided by Scripture and will regularly study it together.
- 4.** We will agree that no Christian has a monopoly on understanding either God's Word or the words of the Scripture. This includes biblical scholars and the most unlearned Christian. All of us must listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit in our midst as we seek to understand the richness of God's gifts.
- 5.** We will assume everyone has Christian integrity and not accuse one another of being unchristian, no matter how unusual are the opinions.
- 6.** We will further assume that we will arrive at different understandings of portions of Scripture and that that will not disturb God as much as it will some of us.
- 7.** We will speak the truth with love, expressing ourselves with candor and humility.
- 8.** We will listen, endeavoring to understand each other, especially those whose views seem to differ from our own, maintaining a spirit of openness and vulnerability.
- 9.** Different biblical understandings can remain between us, but we can still be warm Christian friends. In fact, as we grow to better understand our differences, we can grow in our appreciation of one another.

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Faith and Theology
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September 14	Introductions & Group overview Chapter 1: <i>Who is a theologian?</i>
September 21	Chapter 2: <i>Who says so? Authority...</i>
September 28	God and Human Beings (part 1) Chapter 3: <i>How can we find God?</i>
October 5	God and Human Beings (part 2) Chapter 4: <i>How does God find us?</i>
October 12	God and Human Beings (part 3) Chapter 5: <i>Who is God? The Trinity</i>
October 19	God and Human Beings (part 4) Chapter 6: <i>What is God like?</i>
October 26	God and Human Beings (part 5) Chapter 7: <i>What does God want with us? Predestination & Will</i>
November 2	God the Creator and Creation (part 1) Chapter 8: <i>What are we doing here?</i>
November 9	God the Creator and Creation (part 2) Chapter 9: <i>Why doesn't God do something about it? Providence and Evil</i>
November 16	God the Creator and Creation (part 3) Chapter 10: <i>Who are we? Humanity</i>
November 23	No class: Thanksgiving Eve service



November 30	God the Creator and Creation (part 4) Chapter 11: <i>Why don't you just be yourself? Sin</i>
December 7	No class: Advent Dinner
December 14	God in Christ (part 1) Chapter 12: <i>Where is God: Incarnation</i>
December 21	No Class: No WNL
December 28	No Class: No WNL
January 4	God in Christ (part 2) Chapter 13: <i>Is God against us? Atonement</i>
January 11	God in Christ (part 3) Chapter 14: <i>Who's in charge here? Resurrection</i>
January 18	God the Holy Spirit (part 1) Chapter 15: <i>What's new? Holy Spirit</i>
January 25	God the Holy Spirit (part 2) Chapter 16: <i>Are you a Christian? Justification</i>
February 1	God the Holy Spirit (part 3) Chapter 17: <i>Are you a Christian? Sanctification</i>
February 8	God the Holy Spirit (part 4) Chapter 18: <i>Living or Dead? Church</i>
February 15	God the Holy Spirit (part 5) Chapter 19: <i>What's going to happen to us? Hope</i>