



WESLEY INSTITUTE II – THEOLOGY & APOLOGETICS

CURRICULUM AND SCHEDULE

September: Orientation to Theological Studies

September 6: The Discipline of Theological Studies

Presenter: Dr. Matt Ayars

This lesson offers an overview of the similarities and differences of: (1) systematic theology, (2) biblical theology, (3) historical theology, (4) dogmatic theology, (5) contemporary theology, and (6) practical theology.

September 13: The Doctrine of Revelation

Presenter: Dr. Matt Ayars

This lesson explores the differences between general revelation, special revelation, and the knowability of God.

September 20: The Doctrine of the Word of God

Presenter: Dr. Matt Ayars

This lesson explores the doctrines of: (1) authority of Scripture, (2) inerrancy of Scripture, (3) clarity of Scripture, (4) necessity of Scripture, (5) sufficiency of Scripture.

September 27: Church Tradition

Presenter: Dr. Steve Blakemore

This lesson answers the question of why we need church doctrine.

October: God, Humanity, and Sin

October 4: The Doctrine of God

Presenter: Dr. Steve Blakemore

This collection of lessons offers an overview of: (1) the Trinity and personhood, (2) the existence of God, (3) the knowability of God, (4) the character of God (communicable and incommunicable attributes),

October 11: Creation, Miracles, and the Unseen Realm

Presenter: Dr. Matt Ayars

This lesson covers the topics: (1) creation, (2) providence, (3) miracles, (4) prayer, (5) angels, and (6) Satan and demons.

October 18: Anthropology: The Doctrine of Humanity

Presenter: Dr. Chris Lohrstorfer

This lesson includes: (1) the creation of humanity, (2) humanity as male and female, and (3) the essential nature of humanity.

October 25: Hamartiology: The Doctrine of Sin

Presenter: Dr. Chris Lohrstorfer

This lesson explores sin as the loss of the divine presence resulting from temptation, rebellion, moral autonomy, and the abdication of the vocational aspect of the image of God.

November: Christ, Holy Spirit, Salvation, the Church, and the End

November 1: Christology: The Doctrine of Christ

Presenter: Dr. Rick Boyd

This lesson explores (1) the identity (i.e., deity, personhood, and intratrinitarian relations) and (2) work (e.g., life, atonement, resurrection and ascension, and the offices of Christ) of Christ.

November 8: Pneumatology: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

Presenter: Dr. Matt Ayars

This lesson explores (1) the identity (i.e., deity, personhood, and intratrinitarian relations) and the (2) work (i.e., applying the work of Christ) of the Holy Spirit.

November 15: Soteriology: The Doctrines of the Application of Redemption and Union with Christ.

Presenter: Dr. Andy Miller III

This collection of lessons includes: (1) prevenient grace, (2) election, (3) justification, (4) sanctification, (5) glorification, and (6) various theories of the atonement.

November 22: Ecclesiology: The Doctrine of the Church

Presenter: Dr. Matt Friedeman

November 29: Eschatology: The Doctrine of the Church and Last Things

Presenter: Dr. Chris Lohrstorfer

December: Historical Theology

December 6: Divisions of Historical Theology and Ancient History

Presenter: Dr. Andy Miller III

This lesson comprises two parts: (1) an overview of the divisions of historical theology including the following periods of church history from a historical theology perspective: (1) ancient history (1st century–590 AD), (2) medieval theology (590–1517 AD), (3) reformation theology (1517–1750 AD), and modern theology (1750–present); and (2) and overview of **Ancient History (1st century–590 AD)**. including the apostolic Fathers and their treatment of the Trinity, the deity and eternity of Christ, and salvation; the apologists; Athanasius; the Council of Nicea; the Council of Chalcedon, and the conflict between Augustine and Pelagius.

December 13: Medieval Theology (590–1517 AD)

Presenter: Jeff Bakos

This lesson treats the development of key Roman Catholic doctrines (i.e., prayer to Mary, saints, angels, the canonization of dead saints, celibacy of the priesthood, the rosary, transubstantiation and the seven sacraments) and the filioque controversy leading to the Great Schism.

December 20: Reformation Theology (1517–1750 AD)

Presenter: Dr. Chris Lohrstorfer

This lesson treats the key ideas and figures of the Reformation including Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, and John Wesley.

December 27: Modern Theology (1750AD–Present)

Presenter: Dr. Steve Blakemore

This lesson treats the Enlightenment as the context out of which modern theology grew (Descartes, Spinoza, Kant, Schleiermacher, Hegel, and Barth), along with the idealism as the philosophy shaping modern theology.

January 4: Dogmatic Theology

January 3: Reformed Theology

Presenter: Dr. Chris Lohrstorfer

Overview of the main points of Calvinist theology.

January 10: Wesleyan-Arminian Theology, Part I

Presenter: Dr. Matt Friedeman

Overview of the main points of Arminian theology.

January 17: Wesleyan-Arminian Theology, Part II

Presenter: Dr. Andy Miller III

Overview of the main points of Dispensational theology.

January 24: Eastern Orthodox Theology

Presenter: Marshall Daigre

Overview of the main points of Covenant theology.

January 31: Roman Catholic Theology

Presenter: Jeff Bakos

Overview of the main points of Roman theology.

February: Practical Theology

February 7: Theology of Evangelism and Missiology

Presenter: Dr. Matt Friedeman

Overview of theology of evangelism and missiology

February 14: Theology of Spiritual Formation

Presenter: TBD

Overview of the main points of Neo-Orthodox theology.

February 21: Political Theology

Presenter: Dr. Andy Miller

February 28: Pastoral Counseling

Presenter: Dr. Brian Yeich

March: Christian Apologetics

March 7: Methodology for Apologetics

Presenter: Dr. Steve Blakemore

This lesson offers an overview of the various methodologies for apologetics including agnosticism, rationalism, fideism, experientialism, evidentialism, pragmatism, and combinationalism.

March 14: Naturalism and the Supernatural

Presenter: Dr. Steve Blakemore

March 21: Objectivism and History

Presenter: Dr. Steve Blakemore

March 28: The Historical Reliability of the New Testament

Presenter: Dr. Rick Boyd

April: World Religions and Cults

April 4: Judaism

Presenter: Marshall Daigre

April 11: Islam

Presenter: Marshall Daigre

April 18: New Age and Hinduism

Presenter: Marshall Daigre

April 25: Pseudo-Christian Cults

Presenter: Marshall Daigre

This lesson covers Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, and Unitarianism.

May: The Creeds and Councils

May 2: Apostles Creed and Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed

Presenter: Dr. Chris Lohrstorfer

May 9: Councils of Ephesus, Chalcedon, and the Athanasian Creed

Presenter: Dr. Chris Lohrstorfer

May 16: Council of Trent, Heidelberg Catechism, and the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion

Presenter: TBD

May 23: Westminster Confession of Faith

Presenter: Jeff Bakos

May 30: Modern Confessions

Presenter: TBD

This lesson covers the Second Vatican Council, the Lausanne Covenant, and the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy