

Faith Seeking Understanding: Explorations In Christian Theology

Friday, February 24th through Sunday, February 26th, 2012. Denver, Colorado.

This seven-session course provides an introduction and opportunity for discussion regarding the following foundational aspects of Christian theology:

1. The Task of Christian Theology
2. Christianity's Earliest Theologians: Paul and the Four Evangelists
3. Christology and the Old Testament
4. Christology: The Person and Work of Christ
5. Ecclesiology: "The Church is Not Incidental To God's Purposes"

During the course sessions, participants will explore these topics through a combination of lecture, film, individual reflection, small group activity, and large group discussion. A brief assignment (of 2-3 pages) for each of the five topics is due (via email) to the instructor by Friday, March 30, 2012. These assignments require participants to make connections between the topics covered and specific pastoral practices/concerns. Various ways to approach the assignments will be discussed and demonstrated during the course sessions.

Friday, February 24th noon – 5:00 p.m.

Noon – 1:00	Lunch & Introductions
1:15 – 5:00	<u><i>Session 1 -- The Task of Christian Theology</i></u>
5:30	Dinner

Saturday, February 25th : 9:00am - 12:30pm and 2:00pm - 5:30pm

9:00-10:30	<u><i>Session 2 -- Christianity's Earliest Theologians: Paul & the Four Evangelists</i></u>
10:30-11:00.....	Break
11:00-12:30	<u><i>Session 3 -- Christianity's Earliest Theologians: Paul & the Four Evangelists</i></u>
12:30 - 2:00	LUNCH
2:00-3:30	<u><i>Session 4 -- Christology and the Old Testament</i></u>
3:30-4:00.....	Break
4:00-5:30	<u><i>Session 5 -- The Person & Work of Christ</i></u>

Sunday, February 26th: 9:00am – 12:00noon

9:00-10:00 *Session 6 – Guided Reflection/Discussion Session on Saturday’s Explorations*

10:00-12:00 *Session 7 – Ecclesiology: “The Church is Not Incidental To God’s Purposes”*

Resources for ... Faith Seeking Understanding: Explorations In Christian Theology

Except for the video, the following will be available in pdf form prior to the course meetings. It is not required that the materials be read thoroughly prior to the course.

- The following chapters from Migliore, Daniel L. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2004.
 - Chapter 1: The Task of Theology: pages 1-19.
 - Chapter 8: The Person and work of Jesus Christ: pages 163-196.
 - Chapter 11: The New Community: pages 248-273.

- The following chapters from Powell, Mark Allan and David R. Bauer, Eds. *Who Do You Say That I Am? Essays on Christology [In Honor of Jack Dean Kingsbury]*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 1999.
 - Chapter 6: Christology of the Pauline Epistles by Marion L. Soards (pages 88-109).
 - Chapter 13: Christology and the Old Testament by Terence E. Fretheim (pages 201-215).

- Video: *From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians*. WGBH Educational Foundation. (PBS Frontline Video). 1998. On-line access: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/watch/>