

THEOLOGY MATTERS FAQS

What topics will we cover during the semester?

In this first semester, we will cover hermeneutics and exegesis, Bibliology, the Doctrine of God the Father (Theology proper), and Christology. The Theology Matters course is designed to cover ten major areas of Christian doctrine over three semesters.

What if I am new to the study of the Bible and theology? Will this be too advanced for me?

We are thrilled that you have a heart to study the Bible and want to know your theology! While we will cover significant theological constructs, our desire is to make it accessible to all women enrolled in the course. Our goal is to explain biblical doctrines so that you will know what you believe and why you believe it.

What should I do to prepare for this course?

We ask that all women enrolled in the class read *Women of the Word* by Jen Wilkin prior to the start of the class (it is available in our bookstore.) We also ask you to make sure you have a literal translation of the Bible such as the ESV, NASB, or others. Finally, pray that God will prepare your mind and your heart for what he will teach all of us during this semester.

If I cannot take the course this winter/spring, will I be able to take the course in the fall?

We realize that life circumstances or schedule conflicts may prevent some women from taking the course this winter/spring. This will not preclude you from enrolling in the fall semester, however there is currently no plan to repeat this first course in the fall. We will continue our study of doctrine in subsequent semesters, and hopefully return to the current study in the future.

Will there be homework assignments?

Yes. There will be assigned reading and homework questions ahead of each class. The work will not be collected - it is for your own preparation. We realize that everyone is busy, but in order to get the most out of this class, we highly recommend that women commit to completing all homework assignments.

What if I miss one of the classes?

The current plan is to make audio recordings of each class, which will be made available to women enrolled in the course.

What can I expect in the first class?

At our first meeting, you will receive the course materials including a copy of our course textbook, a binder that will include print resources for the class, and a copy of the IBC

Statement of Faith. The lecture for the initial class will include an overview of systematic and biblical theology, and an introduction to the doctrines we will study during the course.

Who is teaching the course?

The three teachers are Wendy Blackwell, Laura Corombos, and Marty Crabtree. All of these women are Bible study teachers who have a passion for God's Word, many years of teaching experience, and a desire for the women of Immanuel to grow in their love for Jesus Christ and the knowledge of His Word.