

THEOLOGY MATTERS FAQs

What topics will we cover during the semester?

In this semester, we will cover Christology, Pneumatology, Anthropology, and we will revisit the Trinity. 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 taking 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 semester, will I be able to take the course in the spring?

We realize that life circumstances or schedule conflicts may prevent some women from taking the course this fall. This will not preclude you from enrolling in the spring semester. We hope to return to the current study in the future.

If I did not take the course last spring, can I enroll in the class this fall?

Yes! Taking the first semester is not a requirement for taking this semester.

Will there be homework assignments?

Yes. There will be assigned reading and homework questions ahead of each class (except for the first 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 (this is for new students, those who took the course in the spring should already have these materials.) The lecture for the initial class will include a brief review of the doctrines covered in the first semester and then will cover Christology – the humanity of Christ.

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.