



Study #2

The Truths on which Churches Build

Ice Breaker:

1. What was the last book you read? What was it about? What caused you to read it?

Discussion Starter:

2. What are some reasons that non-Christians and Christians give for not wanting to read or study the Bible?

Watch Video @ [www. http://vimeo.com/33927716](http://vimeo.com/33927716) and fill in the blanks.

Watch the Video till 4:51 and discuss the following questions.

- Theology is the _____ of God.
 - The Bible tells us the truth about what _____ is like, what we are like, and most especially about Jesus Christ.
3. List some places where we practice theology on an everyday basis.
 4. What reasons does Mark Dever give for why theology matters? Can you think of any more?
 5. In what ways does the Bible help us when it comes to framing our theology?

Read Colossians 3:16-17

6. In what practical ways do we allow the message of scripture to dwell in us richly?
7. How will letting the scriptures "dwell in us" as a church impact the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, the sermons we preach and the fellowship we experience?

8. What happens to a church that fails to elevate and engage the scriptures as its final authority and guide to life?

Watch Video till the 10:58 mark and discuss the following questions:

- The central message of the Bible is _____.
9. Have you ever viewed the Bible as one singular narrative about God and His redemptive and restorative plan for humanity? How does understanding the Bible in this panoramic way help us understand the individual parts?

Watch Video till the 16:41 mark and discuss the following questions:

- Throughout history God has been sovereignly drawing the minds of His people to the _____ of the gospel.
 - Jesus is our example, but more importantly, He is our _____.
 - Every other religion is a religion of "do." Christianity is the religion of "_____."
10. In what way does Mark's example of the story of David and Goliath help us to see all of Scripture in the context of the gospel of Jesus? What might be some of the results of studying the Scriptures with that unifying theme in mind?
 11. What happens to God's people if all we hear is teaching that focuses in on what would Jesus do, to the neglect of remembering what has Jesus done?

Watch Video till the 22:51 mark and discuss the following questions:

- We like the idea of God _____ us something.
12. What are some challenges and corruptions to the gospel today? What impact might these have on churches?
 13. How do we follow the Bible's example of making Jesus the central message and theme in our own lives?