
Eunice Board

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DESCRIPTION

The moral revolution of the last century has caused no shortage of conflict in the church. This has raised numerous questions, such as how did we get here culturally from where we were? How can we outreach and evangelize to the next generation? What does the Bible say about sexual ethics and LGBTQ+? How do we approach infertility and assisted reproductive technologies? How do we address the ideas of critical race theory and “woke ideology?” In this course on contemporary issues, you will learn a biblical, theological, and historical answer to these major questions, so that you can have confidence in answering them in your teaching ministry.

COURSE OUTCOMES

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Understand current ethical challenges and learn how to respond.
2. Explain the theological truths behind the Christian worldview on these topics.
3. Teach truth carefully, balancing truth and love.
4. Apply the Bible to real-world ministry.

COURSE TEXT(S)

1. *Strange New World*: Carl R. Trueman
2. *Christianity and Wokeness*: Owen Strachan
3. *Expositional Preaching*: David Helm

COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

August–January classes are held at Phoenix Seminary (Chapel Building) from 7-9pm

August 19 – Session 1, Contemporary Culture: How We Got Here from There

Dr. David Hogg

Read: *Strange New World* by Carl Trueman, Chapters 1-4

September 16 – Session 2, Biblical Sexuality and LGBTQ+

Dr. Ken Magnuson

Read: *Strange New World* by Carl Trueman, Chapters 5-7

October 21 – Session 3, Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies

Dr. Ken Magnuson

Read: No new reading; refresh of *Strange New World* by Carl Trueman, Chapter 5

November 18 – Session 4, Outreach and Evangelism to Gen Z

Pastor Jason Fritz

Read: *Strange New World* by Carl Trueman, Chapters 8-9

January 20 – Session 5, Critical Race Theory and “Woke” Ideology

Pastor Paul Serban

Read: *Christianity and Wokeness* by Owen Strachan

February–May classes are held at Camelback Bible Church (Family Life Center) from 7-9pm

February 17 - Session 6: Preparing the Teacher

Assignment: Read Amos - Specifically focus on Amos 2:6-16

Familiarize yourself with the preparation worksheet

Read: *Expositional Preaching* by David Helm

March 17 - Session 7: Text and Framework

Assignment: Preparation Worksheet for Amos 4:6-13

April 21 - Session 8: Teaching Christ from the OT

Assignment: Preparation Worksheet for Amos 5:18-27

May 19 - Session 9: Applying to your Audience

Assignment: Preparation Worksheet for Amos 9:11-15