



## **Who? What? How?**

### **Week 4**

#### **We Are a Reformed Church**

**Today's Goal:** *to experience deep, supernatural change as God renews our sense of his glory, his goodness, and the gift of knowing him through his Word.*

**Review:** We are a \_\_\_\_\_ church. How have we filled in that blank in the past three weeks?

**For Discussion:** If someone were to say, "I'm part of a Reformed church," what would you expect their church to be like? If they refer to "Reformed theology," what sort of beliefs would you suppose they have in mind?

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person who is God's may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3

***To be a Reformed church means to embrace a set of core commitments about theology that reflect Reformation heritage.***

There is only one article and one rule of theology, and this is **true faith in Christ**. All other articles flow into and out of this one; without it the others are meaningless.

Martin Luther

***Loving our community to life by pursuing gospel restoration***



## Key Reformed commitments: what we believe about God

- The Glory of God (Isa. 42:8)
  - The Seriousness of Sin (Eph. 2:1-3)
  - The Grace of God (Eph. 2:4-5)
  - The Sovereignty of God
    - Predestination (Eph. 1:3-6)
    - Providence (Eph. 1:11)
- The Gift of God: Bringing us from Curse to Favor by Faith (Eph. 2:8-9)
- The Word of God: One Story of Grace (2 Tim. 3:14-15)
- The Presence of Christ: The Lord's Supper

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Indeed, every doctrine of the law, every command, every promise, **always** points to Christ. We are, therefore, to apply **all** its parts to Him.

John Calvin, commenting on Romans 10:4

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