

2019 Course Descriptions

Level 1 Descriptions

Union with Christ

Union with Christ is the center of the gospel. It's been called the central doctrine of salvation. This course will teach you how the profound truth of a Christian's union and identity with Christ drives us to mission and joy in him. All that Christ has achieved for his people is ours through our union with him. Heart change and mission flow out of who Jesus is, and how we are bound to him by faith. This course will teach you to understand and enjoy your relationship with Jesus in everyday life on mission

Understanding God's Story

Learn how to understand passages of scripture in the light of the whole Bible story. This course teaches Christians how to get to the meaning of the text for its first readers and for us today. God has spoken to his people through the story of his Son, Jesus. As Christians, we find our identity and purpose as we engage with the stories, letters, poems, prophecies, histories etc., contained within the Bible's bigger story. This course is deeply practical. You will need your Bible with you to work through multiple exercises on Bible texts. You will learn to understand texts in the context of the bigger story and the immediate context of the book of the Bible they appear in. Then you will learn how to apply the words of the Bible today.

Christian Imagination

It's not enough for the church to simply critique culture and cultural artifacts. This course helps us to get proactive about culture creation in the local church. Cultural artifacts, movies, , songs, and literature shape the way people view the world and imagine new possibilities for behavior. Taking the example of Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings," among others, this course gives a vision and practical steps for the church to influence and shape cultural imagination through our own artistic output.

Gospel Change

The goal of the Christian life is to be conformed to the likeness of Christ (Romans 8:29). In this course you will learn how to apply the gospel to your everyday life. It teaches Christians to connect the truth about God with our 'Monday-morning struggles'. You will find out how change takes place as God's truth is applied to the heart, and also how to effectively minister the gospel to those around you.