



Ethos

1. Biblical

The Orchard School of Ministry exists to form pastors who will live for Christ and serve His church under the authority of the Word of God. We believe that what God does through us is an overflow of what He does in us through His Word. For this reason, a continuing immersion in Scripture is central to all that we do.

2. Thoughtful

We are not easily impressed with trends and believe that what is of true and lasting value will be demonstrated over time. For this reason, we value the wisdom of those who have proved faithful in the past and are more interested in the steady pursuit of godliness than in current trends or fashion.

3. Disciplined

We believe that God calls His people to a mission that demands our best effort. We therefore seek to cultivate a disciplined approach to life and work, knowing that we have limited time to pursue our calling.

4. Reformed

We believe that the best preparation for ministry comes through an immersion in one tradition which, when grasped, enables a person to evaluate other traditions. For this reason, we do not expose students to multiple perspectives which often lead to confusion but aim to bring clarity and coherence for life and ministry.

5. Gospel-Centered

We believe that the Gospel is the means by which God converts the sinner and nourishes the Christian. It's for everyone every day.

6. Complementarian

We believe that God calls men and women to serve him in ministry and that He has given the ministry of preaching and eldership in the local church to men called for this purpose. We rejoice in teaching ministries given to women, but opportunities for women teaching the Word will be in settings other than the worship services of The Orchard.

7. Apolitical

We do not believe that the world should set the agenda for the church. We therefore refuse to be directed by the political agendas of either the left or the right. We seek to prepare pastors who will nourish God's people through the Scriptures and to bring people of all persuasions to a knowledge of Christ, whose Kingdom transcends the agendas of this world.