

Church of the Open Door (Spring, 2024)

THE COHORT

MODULE ONE - PROLEGOMENA, BIBLIOLOGY, AND HERMENEUTICS

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Email: alan@schafer@me.com	Mondays 7:00-9:00p	Alternates each week between in person and online meetings.
"For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Cor. 4:5).		

Course Description: The Cohort is a comprehensive look at Christian Theology and Biblical Studies broken down over a series of modules to help believers grasp the faith and be well prepared to pass it along to others. If you feel called to an intensive discipleship path, or to teach the Bible, but aren't sure where to start, then The Cohort is for you! Join us for discussion and study as we dig into the richness of the Christian faith!

Course Texts:

Hendricks William. 2007. *Living by the Book : The Art and Science of Reading the Bible* Revised and Updated ed. Chicago Illinois: Moody Press.

MaCarthur, John, Richard Mayhue. *Biblical Doctrine : A Systematic Summary of Bible Truth*. 2017. Wheaton Illinois: Crossway.

McQuilkin J. Robertson. 2009. *Understanding and Applying the Bible* Rev. and Exp ed. Chicago: Moody.

COURSE SCHEDULE

- Week 01 Introduction and Prolegomena
- Reading: *Biblical Doctrine*, pp. 33-42; 59-63
Assignment: Worksheet: Prolegomena
Intensive: *Biblical Doctrine*, pp. 43-59
- Week 02 Discussion on Systems of Theology and Essential Doctrines
- Reading/Watch: [The Open Word Doctrinal Series - Theology Proper](#)
Assignment: Watch Sessions 01, 02, and 04 for discussion
- Week 03 Bibliology: Inspiration, Revelation, Illumination
- Reading/Watch: *Biblical Doctrine*, pp. 69-82
Assignment: Worksheet: Inspiration, Revelation, Illumination
Intensive: *Biblical Doctrine*, pp. 82-100
- Week 04 Discussion on Inspiration, Revelation, Illumination
- Reading/Watch: [The Open Word Doctrinal Series - Bibliology](#)
Assignment: Watch Sessions 01, 02, and 03 for discussion
- Week 05 Bibliology: Inerrancy, Infallibility, Authority, Perspicuity
- Reading/Watch: *Biblical Doctrine*, pp. 100-113
Assignment: Worksheet: Inerrancy, Infallibility, Authority, Perspicuity
Intensive: Write a personal doctrinal statement on Bibliology. What are those components that are essential and non-negotiable? Back up your statement with Scripture.
- Week 06 Discussion on Inerrancy, Infallibility, Authority, Perspicuity
- Reading/Watch: [The Doctrine of the Bible](#)
Assignment: Watch the two sessions on Revelation, Inspiration, and Illumination in preparation for the discussion

- Week 07 Bibliology: Preservation, Canon, and Translations
- Reading/Watch: Biblical Doctrine, pp. 113–130
 Assignment: Worksheet: Preservation and Canonicity
 Intensive: Select one of your favorite verses and compare its translation with at least six other Bible versions. Write a summary of the differences and similarities. What version of the Bible do you believe best translates the verse?
- Week 08 Discussion on Preservation, Canon, and Translations
- Reading/Watch: [The Open Word Doctrinal Series - Bibliology](#)
 Assignment: Watch Sessions 06, 12, and 13
 Intensive: Watch Sessions 04-A, 04-B, 04-C, 05-A, 05-B Week 09
 Hermeneutics: Introduction and Observation
- Reading/Watch: *Living by the Book*, Chapters 01-04
 Assignment: Worksheet: Hermeneutics and Observation
 Intensive: *Understanding and Applying the Bible*, Chapters 01-06
- Week 10 Discussion on Introduction and Observation
- Reading/Watch: [The Open Word Doctrinal Series - Hermeneutics](#)
 Assignment: Watch Sessions 02, 03-A, and 03-B
 Intensive: *Living by the Book*, Chapters 05–07
- Week 11 Your Hermeneutical Toolbox
- Reading/Watch: *Living by the Book*, Chapters 05–07
 Assignment: Worksheet: Your Hermeneutical Toolbox
 Intensive: *Understanding and Applying the Bible*, Chapters 07–09
- Week 12 Discussion on Your Hermeneutical Toolbox
- Reading/Watch: [The Open Word Doctrinal Series - Hermeneutics](#)
 Assignment: Watch sessions 05, 06, 07, 08-A and 08-B
 Intensive: *Understanding and Applying the Bible*, Chapters 10–14
- Week 13 Hermeneutics: Interpretation
- Reading/Watch: *Living by the Book*, Chapters 27–29
 Assignment: Worksheet: Interpretation
 Intensive: *Living by the Book*, Chapters 30–38

Week 14 Discussion on Interpretation

Reading/Watch: [The Open Word Doctrinal Series - Hermeneutics](#)

Assignment: Watch Sessions 10-A, 10-B, 11-A

Intensive: *Understanding and Applying the Bible*, Chapters 15–18

Week 15 Hermeneutics: Application

Reading/Watch: *Living by the Book*, Chapters 39–42

Assignment: Worksheet: Application

Intensive: *Living by the Book*, Chapters 43-48

Week 16 Discussion on Application

Reading/Watch: [The Open Word Doctrinal Series - Hermeneutics](#)

Assignment: Watch Sessions 13, 15, 16-A, 16-B

Intensive: *Understanding and Applying the Bible*, Chapters 19-20