CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS:

Schedule

9/8: Introduction, Creation & Fall

9/15: The Nature of God, Miracles

9/22: The Divinity & Humanity of Jesus

9/29: Salvation, Sanctification & the Role of the Holy Spirit

10/6: The Bible & the role of the Church

10/13: Human Sexuality

10/20: Heaven, Hell & the End Times

10/27: Practical Daily Essential Christian Disciplines

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Creation & Fall

1. Introduction: The need for Sound Doctrine
2. Read *1 Timothy 4:1-6* , *2 Timothy 4:1-5, Titus 2:1*

1. Definition of ‘Sound Doctrine’: “Teachings, instructions and beliefs that are true”-Strong’s Concordance
2. “In Touch With Jesus” article and the growing trends in the church at large
3. How we will conduct this study and what we will discuss in the weeks ahead (See attached list of topics)
4. Primary Resources: *The Bible*, and *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem
5. Creation, the Creator and Why It Matters:
6. Begin with reading *Genesis 1:1*/ “Ex nihilo"
7. The first verse of the Bible says it all
8. Get Your Own Dirt
9. Highlights of Creation Accounts from *Genesis 1* & *2*
10. Order out of chaos
11. A lot can Happen in Six Days
12. God’s Masterpiece
13. Two Accounts of Creation
14. Very Good
15. God’s role in creation
16. Creator & Sustainer of all things
17. Distinct from Creation
18. Displaying glory
19. Creation Controversies
20. Dealing with Darwin
21. Six Days or Six million years?
22. The Historicity of Adam & Eve

Bible Verse References: *Genesis chapter 1 & 2, Psalm 8, Job 12:7-9, Psalm 100:3, Colossians 1:15-17*

Systematic Theology References: Chapter 15 “Creation”, Chapter 21 “Creation of Man”

Questions: Opportunity to Ask Questions about Creation, God as Creator and Creation Controversies

3. The Fall:

1. Look Around
2. Reality of Evil & Suffering in the world we live
3. What happened between Genesis chapter 2 & 3?
4. Introducing Satan
5. Who is the Devil?
6. Where did he come from?
7. What is his goal?
8. Temptation
9. Free Will
10. Satan’s Question
11. Allure of Sin
12. Aftermath
13. Consequences
14. Shame
15. Death
16. Cursed World
17. Before the Berlin Wall
18. Hope for Redemption
19. Seed of the woman
20. God’s first pronouncement of the Gospel in Scripture
21. God’s Rescue Plan for Humanity

Bible References: Romans 5:12-21, Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:1-10,

Systematic Theology References: Chapter 24 “Sin”,

Questions about the fall: Opportunity to ask questions about the fall of man, the consequences of sin, the devil and how Genesis 3 talks about Jesus

Christian Fundamentals

A two part study that will focus on theological truths and practical disciplines that are essential foundational concepts for the Christian faith and walk.

1. Theological Truths:

Creation and fall

The Nature of God

The Divinity and Humanity of Jesus Christ

Salvation

Sanctification

The Bible

Humanity

Human Sexuality

Heaven & Hell

The Role of the Holy Spirit

The Church

The End Times

1. Practical Disciplines:

Word

Prayer

Fasting

Worship

Fellowship

Gifts

Giving

Evangelism

Defending the Faith

Study will focus on having a defense for the primary questions and criticisms of the Christian faith. While I’d use outside materials, and add some items, ultimately the study’s primary material would be based on the book, *Know Why You Believe* by Paul Little.

Is Christianity Rational?

Is There a God?

Is Jesus God?

Did Christ rise from the dead?

Is the Bible God’s Word?

Are the Bible documents available?

Does Archeology Verify Scripture?

Are Miracles Possible?

Do Science and Scripture Agree?

Why does God allow suffering & evil?

Does Christianity differ from other world religions?

How do we deal with tough issues?

How do we share our faith in today’s culture?

Is Christian experience valid?