CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS:

WHAT WE BELIEVE

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Remaining Schedule

10/13: Human Sexuality

10/20: Heaven, Hell & the End Times

10/27: Ordinances and Practical Daily Essential Christian Disciplines

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS:

1. The Bible
2. Introduction: Lack of Knowledge
3. We don’t need the Bible?
4. Where’s you’re Bibles?
5. Confronting the Youth Pastor I worked for
6. A Generation Ill-Equipped to face the challenges and questions of Christian faith in the 21st century
7. Widespread Problem
8. Not a New Problem, yet unique to our time
9. *Hosea 4:6*, *Jeremiah 8:4-6*
10. What does God say happens when we are not reading and meditating on His Word?
11. What is similar, different and also tragic about our generation’s neglect of God’s Word?

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1. The Authority of Scripture
2. What the Bible claims about itself
3. All Scripture is God Breathed (*2 Timothy 3:16-17)*
4. Paul’s Letters are considered Scripture (*2 Peter 3:14-18)*
5. Paul quotes the Gospel of Luke as Scripture (*1 Timothy 5:18)*
6. Jesus affirms the authority of the Old Testament(
7. What Inspiration of Scripture is, and what it is not
8. The Truthfulness of Scripture
9. *Psalm 12:6, Psalm 19:7-11, Proverbs 30:5*
10. God cannot lie or speak falsely, therefore Scripture must be completely true
11. Scripture is the ultimate standard for truth
12. Meaning of Biblical Inerrancy
13. Why Inerrancy Matters
14. Challenges to the Authority of the Bible
15. Satan’s Strategy from the beginning
16. Dealing with apparent contradictions in Scripture
17. Reconciling Scripture with scientific insights
18. What about errors from manuscript copies?
19. Mistakes in the Bible?
20. Why We need to come back to the Bible Says

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3. What is in the Bible?

1. The Canon of Scripture
2. Definition of Canon
3. Old Testament Canon
4. Why the Apocrypha is not in Protestant Bibles
5. New Testament Canon
6. Basis for identifying Inspired NT Writings
7. Why the Gnostic writings are not in the NT Canon
8. Canon closed (*Revelation 22:18-19*)
9. Structure of Scripture
10. Torah
11. History
12. Poetry and Wisdom
13. Prophets
14. Gospels
15. History
16. Epistles
17. Revelation
18. Many Human Authors, One divinely breathed Message
19. Properly Interpreting Scripture
20. What does it really mean to interpret the Bible literally?
21. Hermeneutics
22. Steps to properly reading and interpreting the Bible
23. Beware of Distortion of Scripture

4. Why do we need to be into Scripture?

1. Ways the Bible is necessary
2. Knowledge of the Gospel
3. Maintaining Spiritual life
4. Certain Knowledge of God’s Will
5. Spiritual Weaponry
6. What we will discuss at our last session

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Bible passage references: *2 Timothy 3:16-17, Matthew 4:4, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 19, Ephesians 6:17*

Systematic Theology references: Chapter 4 “The Authority of Scripture”, Chapter 5 “The Inerrancy of Scripture”, Chapter 7 “The Necessity of Scripture”

Questions about the Bible:

1. THE CHURCH
2. What is the Church?
3. The Nature of the Church
4. We are the church
5. The Church is invisible, yet visible
6. The Church is Local and Universal
7. The Body of Christ
8. The Church and Israel
9. The Purposes of the Church
10. Worship to God
11. Nurturing believers
12. Evangelism
13. Balanced Focus/Our Purpose
14. Signs of a Pure Church
15. Biblical doctrine
16. Proper use of the ordinances
17. Right use of church discipline
18. Genuine worship
19. Effective prayer
20. Effective witness
21. Effective fellowship
22. Biblical church government
23. Spiritual power in ministry
24. Personal holiness among the members of the church
25. Care for the poor
26. Love for Christ
27. Christ centered Unity
28. The Power of the Church
29. Spiritual Warfare
30. Keys to the Kingdom
31. Power over the enemy
32. Bringing down strongholds
33. Church and State
34. A Tale of Two Kingdoms
35. Role of the Church in Society
36. Role of the Government
37. Obey the law, except when it goes against God’s law
38. Christians can and should seek to influence the State
39. Church Discipline
40. Restoration & Reconciliation of the believer who has gone astray
41. Containing spiritual cancer
42. Protecting the purity of the church and the honor of Christ
43. Addressing Unresolved offense or grievance in a biblical way
44. Turning them over
45. Other aspects of Church discipline
46. The Essential role the Church plays
47. Is Church essential or non-essential?
48. Subtle implications of calling the church ‘non-essential’
49. Troubling Trends
50. Wheat and chaff
51. Why we must not neglect Church
52. *Hebrews 10:23-25*
53. Christianity is not meant to be a solo experience
54. Stirring one another to love and good works
55. Encouraging Each other
56. Holding each other Accountable/ *James 5:16*
57. Dealing with hurt from the church
58. Dealing with abuse and hurt from Christians
59. Forgiveness/ *Hebrews 12:15, Colossians 3:12-14*
60. Christ is the head of the church and must be our focus not imperfect men/ *Ephesians 1:22-23*
61. What the enemy wants

Bible references about the Church: *Matthew 16:18-19, Luke 10:17-20, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26*, *Matthew 5:13-16*

Systematic Theology references: Chapter 44 “The Nature and Purposes of the Church”, Chapter 45 “The Purity and Unity of the Church”, Chapter 46 “The Power of the Church”

Questions about the church: