

## SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY CLASS

Why do we believe what we do? What's the right understanding of communion, baptism, the Holy Spirit's gifts? How is God in the Bible different from other religions? What does the Bible teach about the end times and life after death?

THIS CLASS IS INTENDED TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCRIPTURES AND THE MAJOR DOCTRINES OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. It will equip you to understand many of the controversies and issues that confront the church today and will help you clarify what you believe, based on the Bible.

While the class is open to everyone who wants to know the Bible better, the class is especially designed for leaders and those who aspire to leadership, that we will be better equipped to serve the body of Christ.

### DETAILS

1. It will be based on the book Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem; the most commonly used theology book in Bible schools and seminaries today. (Grudem writes in a very thorough but readable manner. His approach to doctrine fits well with the culture we have here at New Life, and he is gracious when dealing with topics on which Christians disagree; he is good at making doctrine practical and applicable)
2. It will involve a commitment of some preparation and reading for each class – we'll try to make the load manageable. A weekly study sheet will be provided.
3. It will require (at least) three quarters to complete the course; Our intention is to offer this class regularly so that people can jump in, take a quarter or two off, and then re-join, doing so until they've completed the course.

On completion you will have a solid foundation in understanding what the Bible teaches, you will have grappled with tough issues like predestination, the work of the Holy Spirit, God's wrath, etc, and you will be better equipped to explain and defend your faith.

### SCHEDULE AND INSTRUCTORS

The class will be offered during both Sunday morning hours (at 8:45 and again at 10:30).

Bob See is giving leadership to the class and the weekly instructors are Joe Derk and Allen Holloway.

### BOOK

Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem is the textbook. It costs \$30, and will be used in all three quarters. You are free to order your own copy but IF YOU'D LIKE TO ORDER THROUGH THE CHURCH CONTACT TERESA BASSETT AT [teresabassett@newlifeonline.org](mailto:teresabassett@newlifeonline.org)