

## Biblical Theology Core Seminar—13 Weeks



### What is Biblical Theology?

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| 1. Defining the Topic              | Week 1 |
| 2. Guardian & Guide for the Church | Week 2 |
| 3. Defining the Tools              | Week 3 |

### The Stories to be Told: Biblical Theology Displayed

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| 4. Kingdom Through Covenant | Week 3 |
| 5. Eden to New Jerusalem    | Week 4 |
| 6. People of God            | Week 5 |
| 7. Sacrifice                | Week 6 |
| 8. Mission                  | Week 7 |
| 9. -----                    | Week 8 |

### Putting the Text to Work

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| 10. Old Testament Case Studies | Week 10 |
| 11. Old Testament Case Studies | Week 11 |
| 12. New Testament Case Studies | Week 12 |
| 13. New Testament Case Studies | Week 13 |

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### ***Class 1: What Is Biblical Theology***

#### Introduction

#### I. What Is Biblical Theology?

**Big Idea:** Biblical theology is the discipline of learning how to read the Bible as one story by one divine author that culminates in the person and work of Christ, so that every part of Scripture is understood in relation to Christ.

It's a way to read the Bible. A hermeneutic.

See **Luke 24:44-47**.

Don Carson: "*Biblical Theology...seeks to uncover and articulate the unity of all the biblical texts taken together, resorting primarily to the categories of those texts themselves*" (NDBT, 100).

Michael Lawrence, "*Biblical theology is the attempt to tell the whole story of the whole Bible as Christian Scripture*" (*Biblical Theology in the Life of the Church*).

Illustration: Samson

## II. What About the Bible Makes Biblical Theology Necessary

*A. God Word Was Written by Humans*

*B. God's Word Was Written by God*

*C. God's Revealed Himself Progressively*

*D. God Revealed Himself in History*

*E. God's Revelation Has an Organic Character*

*F. God Reveals Himself in Narrative*

*G. God's Reveals Himself in News*

*H. God Reveals Himself in Christ*

## III. How do Biblical Theology & Systematic Theology relate to one another?

### A. What Is Systematic Theology

*1. An Orderly and Comprehensive Summary of the Bible's Teaching by Topic*

*2. The Line Between Truth and Error, Orthodoxy and*

*Heresy*

### 3. Scripture Applied

### B. How Do Biblical and Systematic Theology Relate to Each Other?

Biblical theology is a mediating discipline, while systematic is a culminating discipline (DA Carson, NDBT, p. 102-3).

Biblical Theology	Systematic Theology
Scripture as Authority	Scripture as Authority
Organizing principle: Historical, tracing the development of revelation	Organizing principle: Topical, logical, hierarchical
Starting point: Bible on its own terms	Starting point: contemporary questions
Provides: Storyline (news story)	Provides: Doctrine, Worldview, Application (the headline)
Connection: Bridge To ST	Connection: Summarizes and Rearticulates BT

### C. Test Case: The Gospel

## IV. Why Is Biblical Theology Important?

The short answer is, it helps us read the Bible rightly, so that we can engage with the world rightly.