

Adult Application Guide for Theology Driven Ministry Curriculum

TDM in Sunday School

Lesson 1 –What is Theology

Scripture Focus: Various

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 3:15, “But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.”

Key Biblical Truth: Being able to speak correctly about God is essential for each believer.

Study Questions:

Monday: There are 4 guiding principles to take into account when trying to answer the question, “What is Theology?” These are; 1) Theology’s primary source is Scripture, 2) Theology can be developed into a system, 3) Theology must be contemporary, and 4) Theology must be practical. Why would each of these principles be essential to coming to an accurate understanding of Theology?

Tuesday: 2 Timothy 3:16 sheds much light on why Scripture is the source for our discussions about Theology. What specifically does this verse tell the believer about Scripture itself? Why is having an accurate understanding of Scripture so essential to being able to accurately define Theology?

Wednesday: A correct understanding of Theology can never stop at the theoretical. The practical aspect of Theology is seen in the life of the believer. What would the life of a mature believer look like and how would this reflect their Theology?

Thursday: The definition of Theology that will be used for these TDM lessons over the next 4 years will be, “Theology is a conversation about God and for His glory that is according to Scripture, stated in contemporary language, related to life issues and accurately represents who God has revealed Himself to be, so that believers may honor Him and unbelievers may be saved.” How can applying this definition change the way a believer talks about God?

Friday: How does 1 Peter 3:15 answer the question, “Why should we study Theology?”

Application Questions:

1. Examine the definition of Theology given above. What are the essential aspects of Theology outlined in this definition?

2. If you were confronted by an atheist who challenged you on the existence of God, how would 1 Peter 3:15 help you to be able to respond to him?

Application Challenge: This week, take some time to memorize the definition of Theology given above. After doing this, examine your heart to see if your conversations about God have been honoring to Him or not. Begin to apply this definition to your thoughts and conversations about God.