

Theology

for students



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In a cultural moment of troubling rates of biblical illiteracy, we are pleased to offer Theology for Students. Our prayer is that God uses Theology for Students to serve the Body of Christ and movements around the country to strengthen students theologically.

Overview:

Theology for Students is a ten week experience that strengthens a participant's spiritual core, all while they finish up their Summer break, take classes, or complete an internship. Using Cru's interactive web-based tool called Core Doctrine, coaches will guide students through an interactive, systematic format surveying the breadth of Christian beliefs and they'll get to do it in community by meeting weekly with a cohort of budding young theologians. Theology for Students exists to equip students to become spiritual leaders better equipped to make a difference. For questions, and access to promotional materials and other related-resources contact Neil Rutan at neil.rutan@cru.org or Nancy Ogle at nogle@bellsouth.net.

The Details:

- **When does it start?**
 - Core Doctrine Session 1 will run from the week of May 20- August 2
 - Core Doctrine Session 2 will run from the week of June 10- August 16
- **How much does it cost?** We charge students a nominal fee of \$20 for their participation. Scholarships are available.
- **Time Commitment:** We anticipate individual work on the CoreDoctrine content to require 2-3 hours per week of individual preparation and study. In addition, the coaching groups will last an hour each week. The entire duration of Theology for Students is 10 weeks.
- **How does someone sign up?**
 - [Sign up here!](#)

What Participants are Saying:

"The content was biblically sound and saturated with gospel truth. The videos and additional articles were exceptional."

"Learning more than I ever imagined I would learn and learning how much more information is out there that I did not even know existed."

"I love how everything was broken down and there were TONS of references to back up what is being taught."

“...God used it to convict and teach me what he was trying to tell me at exactly the right times.”

Outcomes:

- That participants gain a greater motivation to know, love and worship the triune God and reflect God’s character as an image-bearer.
- That participants gain a greater confidence in the Scriptures as the Word of God and final authority shaping their lives.
- That participants experience a deepening understanding of and commitment to the foundational doctrines of the Christian faith.
- That participants discover that Christian theology isn’t just about right beliefs (orthodoxy - Side A) but also right practice (orthopraxy - Side B)
- That participants grow in their capacity to relate the foundational doctrines of Scripture to personal growth, evangelism, discipleship, movement-launching, cross-cultural mission.
- That participants’ deeper understanding overflows into a greater motivation to share the gospel of grace.
- That meaningful relational connections be made between staff/volunteer coaches and student participants.

An Overview of Core Doctrine:

- **The Core Doctrine Curriculum is 10 modules long.** Each module should only require about 1 - 2 hours to complete.

What sets Core Doctrine apart from reading a good book on theology?

It’s made with Interaction in mind:

The platform and content is highly interactive with questions to answer and opportunities to journal.

It presents information in a variety of compelling ways – Interviews, short sermon clips, songs, shows, and movie clips make the material come to life.

Core Doctrine is built to be experienced in community with their peers and their coach.

- **The Coaching Element**
 - As students work through Core Doctrine, they interact with the material in a few different ways. They are able to take notes on any section and questions are sprinkled throughout each module. Then each week, students will jump on a Core Doctrine video call with their coach and the rest of their coaching group (3-4 other students). This is a place for them to dig deeper into the content of Core Doctrine and learn from each other as they seek to apply the content to their real lives.

The Content

- Core Doctrine is give disciples a **foundation for ministry** – it covers the very same topics that our New Staff get when they go through New Staff Training and lays a foundation for Bible saturated, gospel-centered ministry by covering topics like:
 - Doctrine Overview
 - God's Word
 - Nature of God
 - Christ
 - Humanity
 - Redemption
 - Sanctification
 - The Church
 - Eschatology / End Times
 - The Great Commission
- **Rooted in the Scriptures:** Core Doctrine provides hundreds of Scripture references for participants to access and refer back to as they live out their calling as multiplying disciples.