

BELOVED DISCIPLES LEARNING COURSES

DOCTRINE

Quick Resources to Watch:

- Pastor Alex's 10-minute talks summarizing major doctrines covered in his class that works through "Christian Disciplines" by Grudem and Grudem
<https://www.belovedchurch.com/doctrines/>

Quick Resources to Read:

- Beloved Church's key beliefs
<https://www.belovedchurch.com/beliefs/>

Recommended In-Depth Readings:

- "Christian Beliefs," by Wayne Grudem and Elliot Grudem
<https://www.amazon.com/Christian-Beliefs-Revised-Twenty-Basics/dp/0310124336/>
- "Do You Believe?" by Paul Tripp
<https://www.amazon.com/Do-You-Believe-Historic-Doctrines-ebook/dp/B097J1D27Y/>
- "You Are a Theologian: An Invitation to Know and Love God," by J.T. English and Jen Wilkin
<https://www.amazon.com/You-Are-Theologian-Invitation-Know-ebook/dp/B0C74TJ712/>



“Christian Beliefs,” by Wayne Grudem and Elliot Grudem

Reading Discussion Guide

Introduction

1. Reflection Question: What are your initial thoughts on the significance of understanding basic Christian beliefs as presented by Wayne Grudem in the introduction?
2. Reflection Question: What do you hope to learn or clarify through reading this book?

Chapter 1: What is the Bible?

1. Reflection Question: How does Grudem define the Bible, and why is it foundational for Christian beliefs?
2. Reflection Question: How does understanding the nature and purpose of the Bible impact your daily life and faith?

Chapter 2: What is God Like?

1. Reflection Question: What attributes of God does Grudem highlight, and how do they shape your view of Him?
2. Reflection Question: How can you reflect these attributes of God in your personal life and interactions with others?

Chapter 3: What is the Trinity?

1. Reflection Question: How does Grudem explain the concept of the Trinity, and why is it important for Christians to understand?
2. Reflection Question: How does the doctrine of the Trinity influence your worship and relationship with God?

Chapter 4: What is Creation?

1. Reflection Question: What insights does Grudem provide about the act of creation and its significance?
2. Reflection Question: How does the belief in God as Creator influence your view of the world and your responsibility towards it?

Chapter 5: What is Prayer?

1. Reflection Question: How does Grudem define prayer, and what are its purposes?
2. Reflection Question: How can you enhance your prayer life based on the insights from this chapter?

Chapter 6: What are Angels, Satan, and Demons?



1. Reflection Question: What does Grudem teach about the existence and roles of angels, Satan, and demons?
2. Reflection Question: How does understanding these spiritual beings affect your daily spiritual life and battles?

Chapter 7: What is Man?

1. Reflection Question: How does Grudem describe the nature and purpose of humanity?
2. Reflection Question: How does this understanding of humanity shape your identity and interactions with others?

Chapter 8: What is Sin?

1. Reflection Question: How does Grudem define sin, and what are its consequences?
2. Reflection Question: How can you address sin in your life with the knowledge gained from this chapter?

Chapter 9: Who is Christ?

1. Reflection Question: What key aspects of Christ's identity and work does Grudem emphasize?
2. Reflection Question: How does a deeper understanding of Christ influence your faith and daily life?

Chapter 10: What is the Atonement?

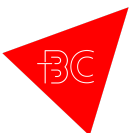
1. Reflection Question: How does Grudem explain the concept of atonement, and why is it central to Christian belief?
2. Reflection Question: How can you live out the implications of Christ's atonement in your everyday actions?

Chapter 11: What is the Resurrection?

1. Reflection Question: What does Grudem teach about the resurrection of Christ, and why is it significant?
2. Reflection Question: How does the resurrection hope shape your outlook on life and death?

Chapter 12: What is Election?

1. Reflection Question: How does Grudem define election, and what are its implications for Christians?
2. Reflection Question: How can you understand and respond to the concept of election in your personal faith journey?



Chapter 13: What Does It Mean to Become a Christian?

1. Reflection Question: What steps and changes does Grudem outline in the process of becoming a Christian?
2. Reflection Question: How can you help others understand and undertake this transformative process?

Chapter 14: What are Justification and Adoption?

1. Reflection Question: How does Grudem distinguish between justification and adoption, and why are they important?
2. Reflection Question: How does knowing you are justified and adopted by God impact your life and identity?

Chapter 15: What is Sanctification?

1. Reflection Question: How does Grudem describe the process of sanctification, and what are its goals?
2. Reflection Question: What practical steps can you take to pursue sanctification in your daily life?

Chapter 16: What is Death?

1. Reflection Question: What insights does Grudem provide about the nature and significance of death for Christians?
2. Reflection Question: How does a biblical understanding of death influence your perspective on life and the afterlife?

Chapter 17: What is the Church?

1. Reflection Question: How does Grudem define the church, and what are its purposes and functions?
2. Reflection Question: How can you actively participate in and contribute to the life of your church community?

Chapter 18: What Will Happen When Christ Returns?

1. Reflection Question: What does Grudem teach about the second coming of Christ, and why is it important for Christians to understand?
2. Reflection Question: How does the hope of Christ's return affect your daily life and priorities?

Chapter 19: What is the Final Judgment?

1. Reflection Question: How does Grudem explain the final judgment, and what are its implications for believers and non-believers?



2. Reflection Question: How can the knowledge of final judgment motivate you to live faithfully and share the gospel with others?

Chapter 20: What is Heaven?

1. Reflection Question: What insights does Grudem provide about the nature of heaven and the eternal state?
2. Reflection Question: How does the promise of heaven inspire hope and perseverance in your Christian walk?

Conclusion

1. Reflection Question: Reflect on your overall experience reading the book. What are the most impactful lessons you've learned about Christian beliefs?
2. Reflection Question: How will you apply the insights and principles from this book to your daily life and faith practice?

Personal Reflection:

- Reflection Question: Write a personal reflection on how this book has influenced your understanding and practice of your Christian faith.
- Reflection Question: Identify one or two key takeaways that you will implement to enhance your spiritual growth.

Group Discussion:

1. Reflection Question: What was the most surprising or enlightening part of the book for you?
2. Reflection Question: How can we support each other in applying the principles discussed in this book to our daily lives?

Prayer and Commitment:

1. Reflection Question: Spend some time in prayer, asking for guidance and strength to apply the teachings of this book to your life.
2. Reflection Question: Consider making a commitment to regularly review and discuss the principles from this book with a trusted group of friends or within a small group.



“Do You Believe?” by Paul David Tripp

Reading Discussion Guide

Introduction

1. Reflection Question: What are your initial thoughts on the concept of integrating doctrine into everyday life as presented by Paul Tripp in the introduction?
2. Reflection Question: What motivated you to read this book? What do you hope to learn or achieve by the end?

Doctrine 1: Scripture

1. Reflection Question: How does Tripp describe the authority and importance of Scripture in the life of a believer?
2. Reflection Question: How can you ensure that Scripture plays a central role in your daily life and decision-making?

Doctrine 2: God

1. Reflection Question: What key attributes of God does Tripp highlight, and how do they shape your understanding of Him?
2. Reflection Question: How can a deeper understanding of God’s nature influence your worship and trust in Him?

Doctrine 3: Holiness

1. Reflection Question: How does Tripp explain the concept of God’s holiness and its implications for believers?
2. Reflection Question: What steps can you take to pursue holiness in your everyday life?

Doctrine 4: God’s Sovereignty

1. Reflection Question: What does Tripp teach about the sovereignty of God, and why is it important for Christians to understand?
2. Reflection Question: How can you live in greater trust and submission to God’s sovereign plan?

Doctrine 5: God’s Omniscience

1. Reflection Question: How does Tripp describe God’s omniscience, and how should it impact your life?
2. Reflection Question: How can acknowledging God’s omniscience bring comfort and guidance in your daily decisions?



Doctrine 6: Sin

1. Reflection Question: What insights does Tripp provide about the nature and consequences of sin?
2. Reflection Question: How can understanding the seriousness of sin lead to greater repentance and reliance on God's grace?

Doctrine 7: Justification

1. Reflection Question: How does Tripp explain the doctrine of justification, and why is it central to the Christian faith?
2. Reflection Question: How can the assurance of being justified by faith impact your sense of identity and worth?

Doctrine 8: Sanctification

1. Reflection Question: What does Tripp teach about the process of sanctification and its goals?
2. Reflection Question: What practical steps can you take to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in your sanctification journey?

Doctrine 9: Perseverance

1. Reflection Question: How does Tripp describe the doctrine of perseverance, and what hope does it offer to believers?
2. Reflection Question: How can the assurance of perseverance encourage you in times of trial and temptation?

Doctrine 10: The Church

1. Reflection Question: What key aspects of the church does Tripp highlight, and why are they important for believers?
2. Reflection Question: How can you actively participate in and contribute to the life of your local church community?

Doctrine 11: The End Times

1. Reflection Question: What does Tripp teach about the end times, and why is it important for Christians to have a biblical understanding of this doctrine?
2. Reflection Question: How does the hope of Christ's return influence your daily life and priorities?

Doctrine 12: Eternity

1. Reflection Question: How does Tripp describe the doctrine of eternity, and what implications does it have for believers?



2. Reflection Question: How can the promise of eternal life inspire hope and perseverance in your Christian walk?

Conclusion

1. Reflection Question: Reflect on your overall experience reading the book. What are the most impactful lessons you've learned about integrating doctrine into everyday life?
2. Reflection Question: How will you apply the insights and principles from this book to your daily life and faith practice?

Personal Reflection:

- Reflection Question: Write a personal reflection on how this book has influenced your understanding and practice of Christian doctrines.
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“You Are a Theologian: An Invitation to Know and Love God,” by J.T. English and Jen Wilkin

Reading Discussion Guide

Introduction

1. Reflection Question: What are your initial thoughts on the idea that every Christian is a theologian as presented by Jen Wilkin and J.T. English in the introduction?
2. Reflection Question: What motivated you to read this book? What do you hope to learn or achieve by the end?

Chapter 1: The Need for Theology

1. Reflection Question: How do Wilkin and English define theology, and why do they believe it is essential for every Christian?
2. Reflection Question: How can recognizing yourself as a theologian change your approach to studying Scripture and understanding God?

Chapter 2: The Nature of God

1. Reflection Question: What key attributes of God do Wilkin and English highlight, and how do they shape your understanding of Him?
2. Reflection Question: How can a deeper understanding of God’s nature influence your worship and trust in Him?

Chapter 3: The Trinity

1. Reflection Question: How do Wilkin and English explain the concept of the Trinity, and why is it important for Christians to understand?
2. Reflection Question: How does the doctrine of the Trinity influence your worship and relationship with God?

Chapter 4: The Doctrine of Revelation

1. Reflection Question: What insights do Wilkin and English provide about the ways God reveals Himself to humanity?
2. Reflection Question: How does understanding God’s revelation impact your approach to reading the Bible and hearing from God?

Chapter 5: Creation and Providence

1. Reflection Question: How do Wilkin and English describe the doctrines of creation and providence, and why are they significant?



2. Reflection Question: How can these doctrines affect your view of the world and your role in it?

Chapter 6: Humanity and Sin

1. Reflection Question: What do Wilkin and English teach about the nature of humanity and the impact of sin?
2. Reflection Question: How does understanding the doctrine of sin lead to a greater appreciation for God's grace and redemption?

Chapter 7: The Person and Work of Christ

1. Reflection Question: What key aspects of Christ's identity and work do Wilkin and English emphasize?
2. Reflection Question: How does a deeper understanding of Christ influence your faith and daily life?

Chapter 8: Salvation

1. Reflection Question: How do Wilkin and English explain the doctrine of salvation, and why is it central to the Christian faith?
2. Reflection Question: How can the assurance of salvation impact your sense of identity and worth?

Chapter 9: The Holy Spirit

1. Reflection Question: What role does the Holy Spirit play in the life of a believer according to Wilkin and English?
2. Reflection Question: How can you cultivate a more intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit in your daily life?

Chapter 10: The Church

1. Reflection Question: How do Wilkin and English define the church, and what are its purposes and functions?
2. Reflection Question: How can you actively participate in and contribute to the life of your local church community?

Chapter 11: Eschatology

1. Reflection Question: What do Wilkin and English teach about eschatology, and why is it important for Christians to understand?
2. Reflection Question: How does the hope of Christ's return and the promise of the new creation influence your daily life and priorities?



Conclusion

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2. Reflection Question: How will you apply the insights and principles from this book to your daily life and faith practice?

Personal Reflection:

- Reflection Question: Write a personal reflection on how this book has influenced your understanding and practice of theology.
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