



HCC Leadership Development Class - Week 7

Intro to Leadership- January 14, 2021

I. Why study theology/doctrine?

- Reasons why and why not...
 - Jeremiah 29:4
 - “Christianity, of late years, has been having what is known as a bad press. We are constantly assured that the churches are empty because preachers insist too much upon doctrine—dull dogma as people call it. The fact is the precise opposite. It is the neglect of dogma that makes for dullness. The Christian faith is the most exciting drama that ever staggered the imagination of man—and the dogma is the drama... This is the dogma we find so dull- this terrifying drama of which God is the victim and the hero. If this is dull, then what in Heaven’s name, is worthy to be called ‘exciting?’ The people who hanged Christ never, to do them justice, accused him of being a bore- on the contrary: they thought him too dynamic to be safe. It has been left for later generations to muffle up that shattering personality and surround him with an atmosphere of tedium.” -Dorothy Sayers, *Creed or Chaos?* 1949

II. What is our Theology?

- **Orthodox, Evangelical, Reformed**
 - Discuss article, “What is the Reformed Faith?”

III. What is the WCF?

- Discuss reading “Introduction to Confessing the Faith.”

IV. Introduction to the Bible

- How has God revealed Himself?
 - **General**- Romans 1, Psalm 19:1, Psalm 8 and Ecclesiastes 3:11
 - **Special**- Exodus 3, Matthew 1:22, 2 Peter 1:19-21, Hebrews 1:1-2, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 147:19-20

V. This Week’s Readings:

1. Confessing the Faith WCF Chapter 1: Of the Holy Scripture
2. You Can’t Take the Bible Literally? Tim Keller, *The Reason for God*
3. [The Story of the Bible — Video from BibleProject.com – “How to Read the Bible” series](#)
4. The Story of the Bible Notes from BibleProject.com

For Extra Reading...

5. The Historical Reliability of the Gospels