

Introduction to Worship

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This course provides an introduction to the theology and practice of worship, from what it is to why we do what we do. It will look at traditional and alternative patterns of public worship, special services throughout the Christian year, and creative ways to engage people across age groups

Suggested Reading: *Worship for the Whole People of God: Vital Worship for the 21st Century* by Ruth Duck

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Introduction to Christian Theology

Dr. John Starkey
Oklahoma City University

Theology is “talking about God” or the study of the teachings of the Christian faith, asking such questions as: What is faith? Who is Jesus Christ? In our time together, we will discuss some of the basics of Christian theology and how we are able to “know” about and understand God.

Suggested Reading: *Theology: The Basics* by Alister E. McGrath (any edition)

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Introduction to New Testament

Dr. Sharon Betsworth
Oklahoma City University

This seminar will introduce participants to the New Testament. Led by Dr. Sharon Betsworth, the seminar will explore the historical literary contexts of the New Testament, the Gospels, Paul, and the Book of Revelation.

Suggested Readings: Borg, Marcus J. *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously but not Literally*

Students should read Part One – Foundations (chapters 1-3) and Part Three – The New Testament (chapters 8-10)
Brown, Michael Joseph: *What They Don't Tell You: A Survivor's Guide to Biblical Studies*

Also, bring a Holy Bible (preferably a NRSV Study Bible by HarperCollins, New Interpreter's or Oxford but any Bible will do).

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Introduction to Church History

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This course will introduce participants to the history of the Christian church. The seminar will explore the key questions and concerns of the larger periods of church history-the Early Church, the Medieval Church, the Church of the Reformations, and Modern Church. Participants will connect their own experience of church to the larger church's story.

Suggested Reading: *Church History: An Essential Guide*, Justo L. Gonzalez (Abingdon, 1996).