

Edinburgh Theological Seminary

Saturday Course at Knockbain Free Church 2022/23

What is the Saturday Course?

It is a 2-year part time course in Bible Studies, Practical Theology and Christian Doctrine.

Who is it for?

It is for everyone! Whether you are male or female; member or adherent; there are no entry requirements and no previous experience is needed. This is an entry level course designed for anyone who has an interest or desire to learn more about God and deepen their understanding of God's Word.

What commitment is required?

Just 4 hours for only 8 Saturdays of the year. The course runs for 8 Saturdays in a year, roughly spread out every 4-6 weeks from September to April. It will start at 9:30am on a Saturday morning and finish by 1:30/2pm at the latest and includes tea/coffee breaks and a short lunch break. Don't worry if you miss one or two dates as the lectures are recorded online and available to watch or listen to if you happen to miss a week.

How does it work?

Each session consists of 3 lectures which cover the 3 topic areas and each lecture lasts approx. 1 hour. These lectures are delivered at ETS but we will be watching a recorded video of these lectures a week or 2 later. We will use the projector and sound system in the church hall and watch the lectures together and enjoy time of fellowship and discussion at the breaks.

When will it be on? N.B. These dates are different to the live lecture dates.

24 Sept; 22 October; 19 November; 17 December; 21 January; 25 February; 25 March; 29 April

What does it cost?

There are two options for doing the course:

Without Essay - To attend to listen to the lectures and have full online access to all the resources, the fee is £44. If you are a Full Time Student then it drops to £39 and of course, those 18 and under can attend for free.

With Essays – The recommended option is to sign up to complete the course with essay assignments which help you learn and get the most out of the lectures by applying what you learn. This costs £268 (£78 concession/Under 18's free) per year and if you pass all your essays at the end of 2 years you will be awarded a Certificate in Theology at the ETS Awards Ceremony in May.

What are the topics for 2022/2023?

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

'A foundation for understanding the Biblical background, purpose, and practices involved in Christian Pastoral Care'

Lecturer: Andy Hunter

Pastoral care in Christian ministry can be needed in many different situations and contexts. In these series of lectures, we learn that the goal of Pastoral Care is not simply to provide academic and theoretical knowledge, although learning of that kind is a necessary foundation. Rather, it is to explore how to approach this subject and its real-life examples with a Biblically balanced and compassionate understanding of the challenges and complexities in this area. We also look at some Biblical tools for the application of pastoral care in the context of Christian ministry.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

'People Jesus Helped'

Lecturer: Alex J. MacDonald

The series will consist of studies of Jesus' personal, pastoral and evangelistic interactions in the Gospels. The lectures will cover the following people Jesus helped: His mother, a respectable religious man, a feisty disreputable woman, a volatile disciple, a wild man, a desperate man, a broken man, and a sensitive woman.

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

'Creation and New Creation: How Grace Restores Everything'

Lecturer: Cory Brock

To understand the power of Christ's cross, one must first see the problem the cross addresses. That problem is both personal and cosmic, that creation is fallen. The apostle John famously says, "For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son." He invites us there to understand Christ's salvation in the light of God's love for the world, for people and for everything else. The apostle's creed reminds us: God almighty is the maker of heaven and earth. Therefore, God loves that which he has made and will not leave it to die. In this course we will explore the doctrines of creation, the fall, and re-creation or how the grace of Christ restores nature. The work of Christ is the work of restoration and so Christ came to be our great physician.

Still unsure?

Why not come along to the first sessions on 24 September or 22 October to see what it is like or contact Iain Gray | Email:

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