



Discipleship Classes

SUMMER 2023

CHURCH HISTORY II

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS FROM THE REFORMATION TO TODAY

NEW! Introducing Institute Tracks! Back in January, we started something we have never done before that we are calling "Institute Tracks." These are special discipleship classes that last longer than one term. We have several planned for the future, but began it all with our Church History Track that took place in January 2023. Join us this summer for Part 2!

Church History 1 (Winter 2023)
The Early Church to the Reformation

Church History 2 (Summer 2023)
The Reformation to Today

CLASS INFORMATION

Class Title: Church History II

Class Subtitle: God's Faithfulness from the Reformation to Today

Class Description: Why study history? Didn't you get enough of that in high school?? Though most of us have studied national and global history, very few Christians today have familiarity with our rich spiritual heritage as the Church. In this class, we will provide a sweeping overview of God's providential care of His Church through time, watching him faithfully build, establish, and protect it for 2,000+ years. Church History II will focus on the Reformation to today, with emphasis on the lives and legacies of Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Spurgeon, Whitfield, and more. Join us!

Teacher Biography: Pastor Brian Bone has served as our Pastor of Discipleship and Missions since 2016. He and his wife Lauren were original core group members at Emmaus from the very start. They have three children - Emmy (10), Hudson (8), and Ella (5) - and one dog named Lewis. Brian has his Masters of Divinity from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. Jason

Whitlock is a covenant member of Emmaus Church with a passion for teaching. He has his PhD from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Class Resources/Books: Each class participant will receive *The Story of Christianity: Volume 2* by Justo L. Gonzalez as well as a number of valuable handouts that cover our topics of study.

CLASS OUTLINE

Week 1 - Wednesday, June 14

Title: The Call for Reformation

Description: We will begin Church History II by taking some time to quickly summarize all that was covered during Church History Part I in January with a brief overview of the age of the early church. Then, we'll spend the remainder of our time examining the circumstances that led to the Reformation - including the important pre-reformation leaders and the cultural influences and effects of The Renaissance.

Week 2 - Wednesday, June 21

Title: The Reformation Begins - Martin Luther

Description: This week, we will focus in closely on Martin Luther, the key historical figure who began the period of church reform that we call the Reformation. We will study his life, his faith, the writing of the 99 Theses, and how the Roman Catholic Church responded to it all.

Week 3 - Wednesday, June 28

Title: The Reformation Continues - Ulrich Zwingli & John Calvin

Description: In Week 3, we will continue our study of the reformation, diving deeper into the other key figures who played an important role in the movement of reform that was sweeping across Europe. Particular attention will be given to Ulrich Zwingli of Switzerland and John Calvin of France. We will also take time to examine the way the movement spread into other countries.

Week 4 - Wednesday, July 5

Title: Theology of the Reformation

Description: This week, we will dedicate our time to an analysis of the key theological developments that occurred during the Reformation, with particular attention given to the doctrine of salvation (soteriology). We will provide an analysis of "Reformed Theology," the 5 Solas, and what is commonly referred to as "the 5 Points of Calvinism."

Week 5 - Wednesday, July 12

Title: Puritanism & The Great Awakenings

Description: During Week 5, we will dive into an analysis of the next two centuries following the Reformation, keying in on some of the most important movements within the church. We will examine The Puritans and their varied writings and contributions to the church. We will also take some time to unpack the history related to the First and Second Great Awakenings.

Week 6 - Wednesday, July 19

Title: These Last 200 Years

Description: In our final week of Church History II, we will take our last moments together to examine these final two centuries of church history. We will look at key figures such as Charles Spurgeon, Martin Lloyd Jones, and Billy Graham. We will also take time to study some of the major figures in the church today including John Piper, Tim Keller, Mark Dever, and more.