

Marks of Maturity

Overview: This course, Marks of Maturity, will consider foundational knowledge and essential practices for a mature Christian. Four classes will address foundational knowledge: A survey of theology, Old Testament, New Testament and Church History. Five classes will address essential practices: The importance of calling; participation in the local church; the ability to have spiritual conversations; conflict resolution; and a personal devotional life. Aside from two guest speakers in the final two weeks, this course will be facilitated by Joe Hartman, John Palafoutas, Albert Thompson and Peter Schwanda.

Date	Teacher	Title/Description
1/21	Joe Hartman	<p>Theology Survey An overview of important Biblical concepts that we are used often, but are not always defined clearly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revelation, Incarnation, Trinity, Imago Dei, Substitutionary atonement, Justification/Sanctification, Eschatology: Heaven/New Creation/Hell, Evangelical, Eucharist/Communion, Providence
1/28	Peter Schwanda	<p>Biblical Survey, Old Testament A basic understanding of the major themes of the Old Testament and a frame of reference for reading any O.T. book.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of types of literature: History, Wisdom, Prophecy; and how genre affects our interpretation. Overview of timeline, paying special attention to the pre-exilic and post-exilic prophets
2/4	John Palafoutas	<p>Biblical Survey, New Testament An overview of the major themes of the New Testament and a brief summary of individual books</p>
2/11	Albert Thomsson	<p>Church History Survey A sweep of church history, highlighting important events and significant issues in each era: Early Church, Medieval Church, Reformation, Age of Mission, The Modern Era</p>
2/18	Joe Hartman	<p>The importance of calling The universal calling of all Christians to serve the church and the world through their various callings.</p>
2/25	Peter Schwanda	<p>The role of the local church The vital role of the church in the world and participation in the church as an essential aspect of discipleship</p>
3/4	John Palafoutas	<p>Spiritual conversation Spiritual conversation with one another as a primary means of building up the body (Ephesians 4:15) and as a primary means of evangelism (Col. 4:6)</p>
3/11	Rick Wright	<p>Conflict Resolution The scriptural importance of resolving conflict with one another and the tools to do the same</p>
3/18	Doug Smith	<p>Daily Personal Bible Study The importance of personal bible study and prayer and the tools to do the same.</p>