

Questions and Answers about Implementing The Theology Program in Your Church

What is The Theology Program?

The Theology Program is theological curriculum for Christian discipleship. It will guide people step by step through the difficult terrain of theology giving them a solid education and understanding of Christian doctrine.

Who is The Theology Program for?

The Theology Program is first and foremost created for local churches. It is theological curriculum that is intended to aid the church in theological discipleship. It can be used by any church wishing to give its members a thorough, intense, and engaging education from a broadly evangelical perspective.

Why was The Theology Program created?

We know that pastors are busy people. We know that creating theological curriculum from scratch is both difficult and time consuming. That is why we invite churches to use The Theology Program as a part of their discipleship program.

Does The Theology Program have any traditional or denominational affiliation?

We do not have any denominational affiliation. We are confessingly Evangelical in our theology. Yet we recognize that Evangelicalism has a rich diversity. When the curriculum of The Theology Program was created, it was created so that it could be used by all Protestant traditions, representing the diversity of viewpoints accurately, allowing the individual to make up their own mind. Each church, pastor, teacher, or small group leader can use this curriculum with great confidence that it will accurately represent their particular persuasion. We are absolutely committed to the Lordship of Christ, the inspiration of the Scriptures, and need to live a life in view of the coming kingdom.

Is there homework?

Yes, each course has set assignments:

- Scripture memorization
- Two case studies
- Two vocabulary quizzes
- Readings from the course textbooks

What textbooks are used?

Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994.
Olson, Roger. *Mosaic of Christian Beliefs*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2002.

Must the students take the course for a grade?

No, they can take the course as self-study students.

How can we implement The Theology Program?

There are three ways that churches are using the curriculum:

1. Small/Home groups
2. Facilitated groups: Watch the DVDs and have a facilitator lead through the discussion questions at the end of each session (most common)
3. Teach through the material using the PowerPoints

The recommended way to implement the program is to allow Michael and Rhome to do the teaching for you using the video DVDs. A leader should provide class support as a facilitator, leading discussions using the questions provided at the end of each session in the student workbook.

One can also teach the courses themselves using the PowerPoints which can be purchased at the store.

Should we charge students for the course?

It is really up to the individual church, but we strongly suggest that you charge. If you do not, your students will not take the course as seriously. You can offer partial or even full scholarships to those who really need it. The suggested charge per course is \$100.

Is The Theology Program (TTP) accredited?

The Theology Program is not accredited for college or seminary purposes. TTP is designed specifically for laypeople and is not meant to be a replacement for a Bible college or seminary education.

If we start the program, should we offer *all* the courses?

If you have enough students, this would be ideal. We suggest that you at least plan on taking your students through the first two courses, *Introduction to Theology* and *Bibliology and Hermeneutics*. These two courses will give them a strong foundation. The following courses can be offered as students qualify. If you don't ever offer the later courses, your students can complete the program online. The online program offers all the courses each year.

Can I purchase The Theology Program (TTP) materials?

Yes. All the materials can be purchased from RMM online at the [RMM online store](#).

Does Reclaiming the Mind Ministries charge local churches for offering the program?

No, but there is a suggested donation of \$200 per year. If you could donate more, that would be great!

I'm ready, what is the next step?

Purchase the program and get familiar with the syllabus, workbooks, and DVDs. Then contact us at churchrelations@reclaimingthemind.org to let us know.

Still have questions?

Contact us at churchrelations@reclaimingthemind.org or by phone at 405-410-3039. You can also visit www.thetheologyprogram.ning.com