

Confirmation Syllabus (Schedule of Topics)

**Text: Christian Foundations: A Grounding For A Life Of Faith
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Classes: 9 Weeks / 2 days per week: **Thursdays at 6pm & Saturdays 11am,
Beginning week of August 28th; ending week of October 23rd 2022**

(Week 1) Module 1: How can I know and serve God?

Day 1: Sept. 1st

Section 1.1 God Loves Humanity Deeply (p.12)

Section 1.2 God Invites us to Know Him and Pass Along the Invitation to Others. (p.15)

Day 2: Sept. 3rd

Section 1.3 God is Patient and Calls us to be Patient with both Ourselves and with Others. (p.18)

Section 1.4 God has a mission in this world and Invites us to Join in it. (p.23)

(Week 2) Module: What is the story of Israel? (Part One)

Day 1: Sept. 8th

Section 2.1 The Structure and Content of the Old Testament (p.30)

Section 2.2 Pre-history: In the Beginning. (p.34)

Day 2: Sept. 10th

Section 2.3 Where did Israel Come From? (p.37)

Section 2.4 Slavery and Sojourn (p.42)

(Week 3) Module: What is the story of Israel? (Part Two)

Day 1: Sept. 15th

Section 3.1 How did Israel get Settled into the Promised Land? (p.50)

Section 3.2 When, How and Why did Israel Become a Monarchy? (p. 55)

Day 2: Sept. 17th

Section 3.3 How did Israel Cease to Be a Nation? (p. 61)

Section 3.4 The Psalms (Purpose and Content) (p.66)

(Week 4) Module: Who Is Jesus?

Day 1: Sept. 22nd

Section 4.1 Jesus in His First-century Context (p. 74)

Section 4.2 The Life of Jesus (p.78)

Day 2: Sept. 24th

Section 4.3 Key Teachings of Jesus (p.83)

Section 4.4 Jesus and Old Testament Images (p.86)

(Week 5) Module: How did the Church get started?

Day 1: Sept. 29th

Section 5.1 New Testament Structure: Genres and Purposes (p.92)

Section 5.2 Key Players in the Early Church (p.96)

Day 2: Oct. 1st

Section 5.3 The Expansion of the Gospel (p.99)

Section 5.4 Paul the Apostle (p.103)

(Week 6) Module: What do all Christians believe (and not believe)?

Day 1: Oct. 6th

Section 6.1 The Development of the Church (p.112)

Section 6.2 The Development of the Creeds (p.116)

Day 2: Oct 8th

Section 6.3 The Development of the Canon (p.122)

Section 6.4 Some Core Beliefs (p.126)

(Week 7) Module: Why are there so many sorts of Christians?

Day 1: Oct 13th

Section 7.1 The Foundations of the Church (p.134)

Section 7.2 The Orthodox/Roman Split (p.138)

Day 2: Oct 15th

Section 7.3 Roman Catholic/Protestant Divisions in Western Christianity (p.142)

Section 7.4 Anglican Communion (p.146)

(Week 8) Module: How can I grow in my faith?

Day 1: Oct. 20th

Section 8.1 The Inward Christian Disciplines (p.156)

Section 8.2 The Outward Christian Disciplines (p.159)

Day 2: Oct. 22nd

Section 8.3 The Corporate Christian Disciplines (p.163)

Section 8.4 Caring for the Suffering: (p.167)

(Week 9) Module: What is my part in the kingdom of God?

Day 1: Oct. 27th

Section 9.1 What does Being a Disciple of Jesus Christ Look Like in Our Everyday Lives? (p.176)

Section 9.2 How can I Grow as a Disciple of Jesus? (p.179)

Day 2: Oct. 29th

Section 9.3 Can't I Be a Disciple of Jesus on My Own? (p.183)

Section 9.4 How can I Find Out what God Wants Me to Do in the Kingdom? (p.187)

Final Quiz: TBA (Prior to date for Confirmation Service)