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1. How would you define theology?
2. Are you intimidated by the thought of studying theology? Why or why not?
3. It's highly possible we will disagree at times in this study. How can disagreement be healthy for building a solid biblical theology? How do we need to conduct ourselves during times of disagreement?

Examining the Scripture for truth- Acts 17:10-12

God in the Old Testament – *Exodus 19:16-20, 24:15-18, 3-4, 20:3-6*

Jesus, the Messiah- *Luke 4, John 6*

Paul- *Acts 21, 22:3*

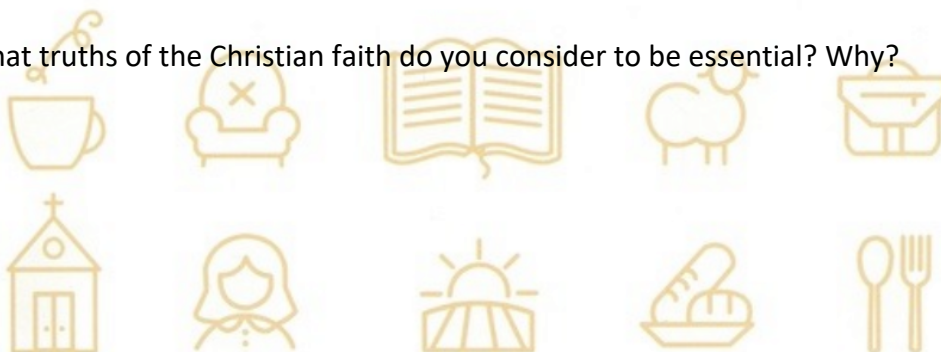
The New Testament Church of Galatia- *Galatians 3: 1-6*

Matthew 7: 15-20, 2 Peter 2:1-3, Matthew 24:22-24

It is vital that _____ is lined up with the Word of God.

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1. Why do you think there is a temptation to define who God is outside of the truth of His Word?
2. What are some ways that you have seen the Word of God and who He is twisted into an untruth in our culture today?
3. What truths of the Christian faith do you consider to be essential? Why?





FOUNDATION:

1. an underlying base or support – like in the structure of a building
2. a basis (such as a tenet/belief, principle, or axiom) on which something stands or is supported

Purpose of a foundation (in the construction of a structure):

1. Supports the load of the entire building
2. Keeps the building standing while the forces of nature wreak havoc.
3. Keeps ground moisture from seeping in and weakening the structure.

The foundation must be able to withstand the “dead” and “live” loads.

Dead load: the weight of the basic structure itself (it remains constant).

Live load: the weight of the people and other objects that they bring with them (it changes).

Purpose of a SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION:

1. It Supports the load of everyday life
2. It keeps you standing when calamities occur (outside our control) that wreak havoc.
3. It keeps ‘stuff’ from seeping in and weakening the structure

Our SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION must be able to withstand the “dead” load (the weight of basic life that remains constant) and the “live” load (the weight of other objects/circumstances and people, and the additional stresses and burdens they bring with them).

You cannot become what God wants you to be on a foundation that is too small, or established on something that is faulty.

Jesus, talking about the WISE and FOOLISH Builders:

“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.”

- Matthew 7:24-27 MSG

Personal reflection and discussion with God:

1. On WHAT have you built the foundation of your life? How is it holding up?

