

MARKS OF **SOUND DOCTRINE**

Discerning Truth in a World of Deception





WEEK 2

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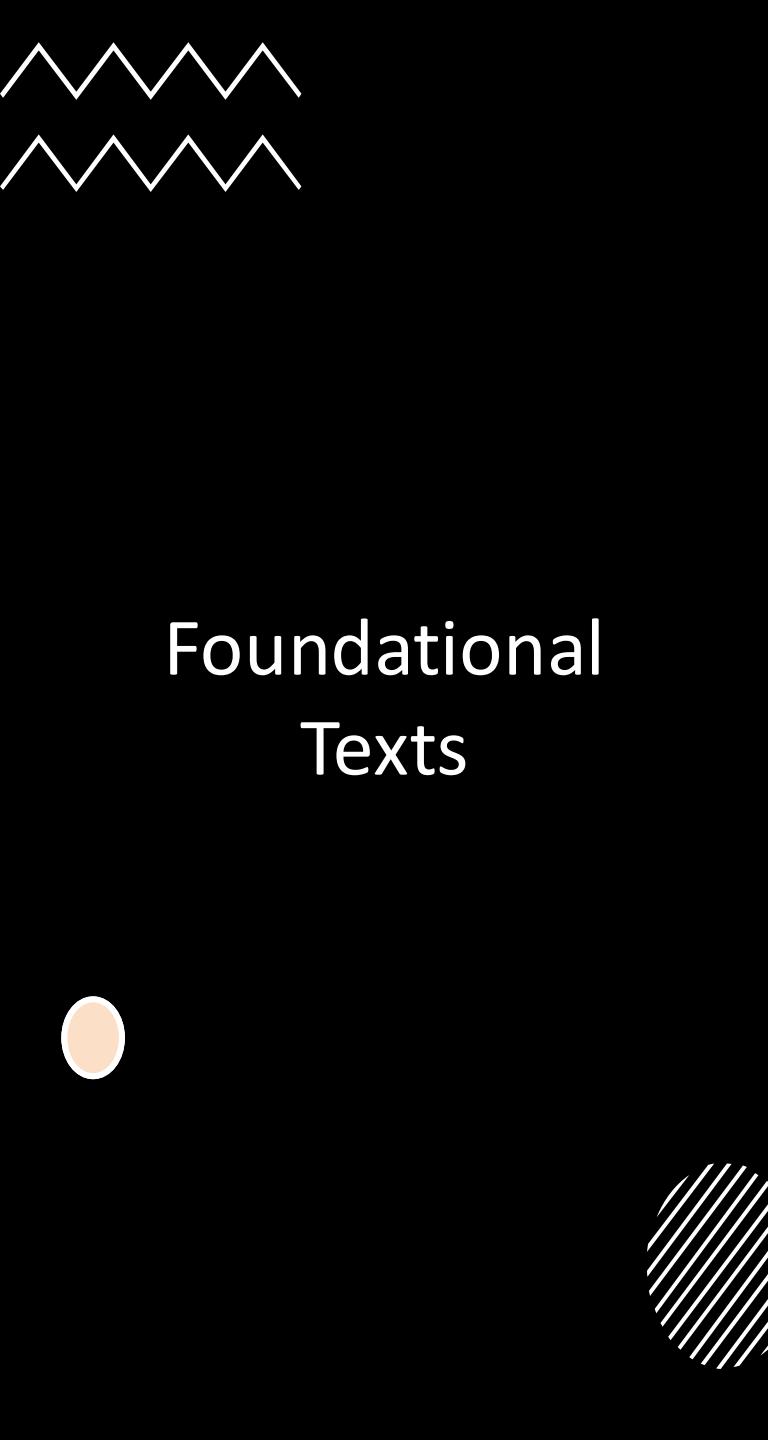
DOCTRINE



Series: Why What
You Believe
Matters



Subtitle: How to
Discern Truth
from Error



Foundational Texts

Titus 1:9

1 Timothy 6:3–5

Acts 17:11

Galatians 1:6–9



What Is
Doctrine?



Doctrine =
Teaching

What is believed
and passed down

Revealed truth
from G-D



Sound
Doctrine
Produces



Spiritual stability

Clarity not confusion

Character formation

Protection from
deception



Key Truth



Doctrine was
never meant
to be abstract

Doctrine was
meant to form
lives



Introduction



Not all doctrine
is sound

Not everything
taught is true

Discernment is
necessary



What Is
Discernment?



Not suspicion

Not criticism

Ability to test
truth by the Word



Discernment
Protects



Protects love
from deception

Guards what is
sacred

Trained through
sound doctrine



Discernment Questions

What is being taught?

Where is it in Scripture?

What fruit does it produce?

What does it do with the gospel?



Point 1



Sound doctrine is
rooted in Scripture

Not personality

Not platform



Point 2



Sound doctrine
agrees with whole
counsel of G-D

Scripture
interprets
Scripture

Point 3



Sound doctrine
produces
godliness



Not just
knowledge



Fruit matters



Point 4



Sound doctrine
centers on the true
gospel

The gospel is fixed

The cross remains
central



Conclusion



Discernment is
maturity

Sound doctrine
guards souls

Truth brings
stability

Call to Action



Test what you hear



Study the whole Word



Walk in humility



Commit to sound doctrine