

Gospel Community Church Chattanooga

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THEOLOGY MATTERS

Psalm 73

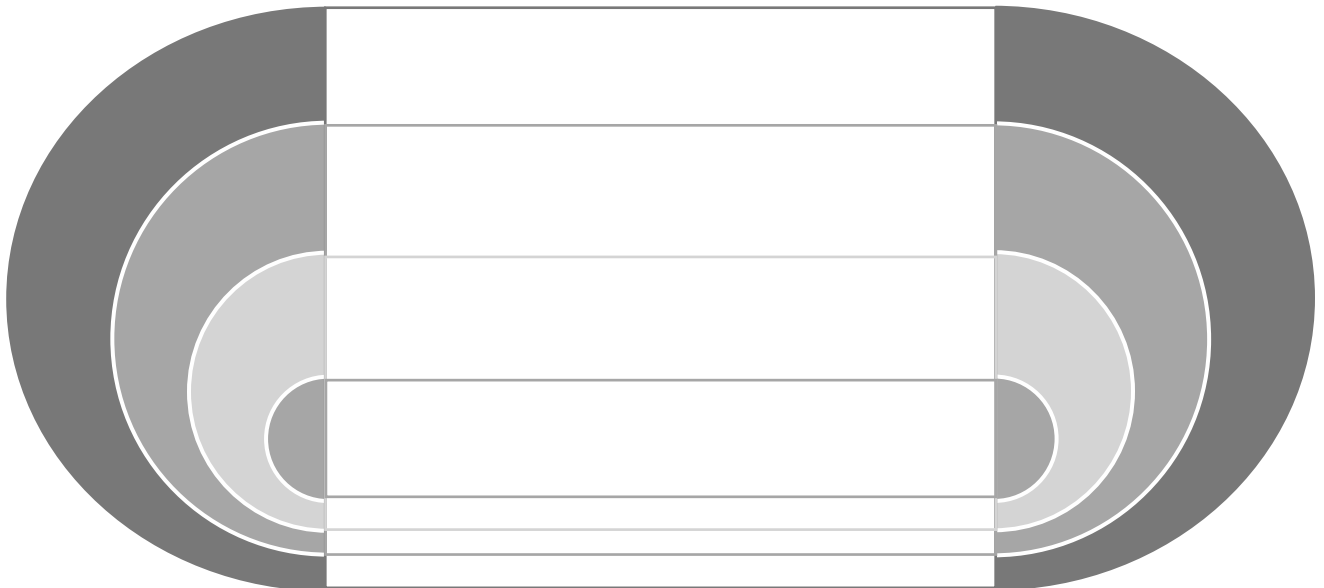
SESSION 1_PROLEGOMENA

What Is Theology?

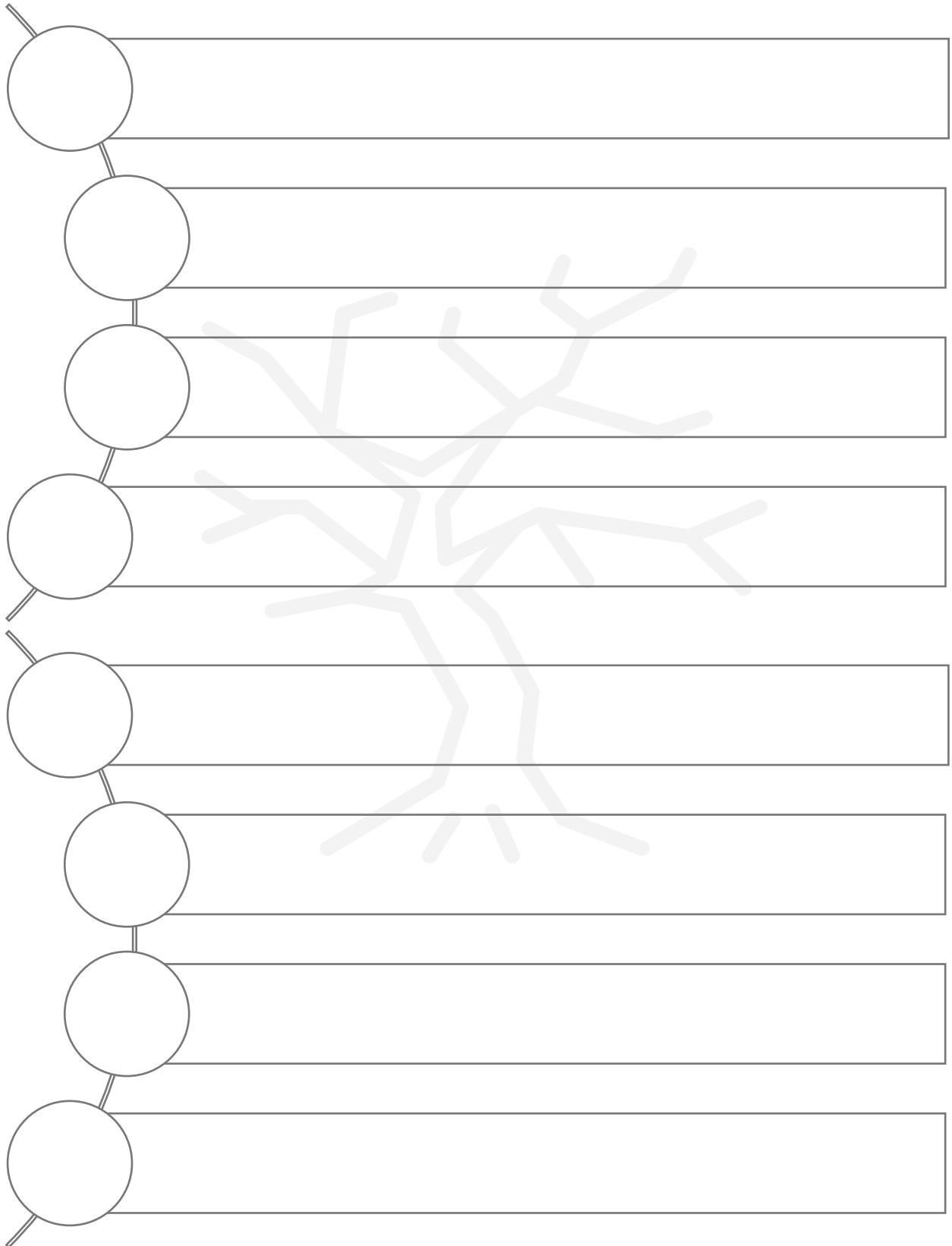
“The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father.”

- Charles Spurgeon

Theology is the _____ of _____



BRANCHES OF THEOLOGY



POP QUIZ

- What does the whole Bible teach about prayer? _____ Theology
- What do the Psalms teach us specifically about prayer? _____ Theology
- How does the doctrine of prayer develop over the course of the whole Bible? _____ Theology
- How did 4th century Christians pray? _____ Theology

Why Should We Study Theology?

1. To _____ in rightly _____ God. (Head)

“All theology is also spirituality. If our theology does not quicken the conscience and soften the heart, it actually hardens both; if it does not encourage the commitment of faith, it reinforces the detachment of unbelief; if it fails to promote humility, it inevitably feeds pride.”

- J.I. Packer

2. To _____ the faithful _____ of God. (Heart)

3. To _____ in light of what we've _____ about God. (Hands)

“The church has a task to fulfill [namely] to preserve, explain, understand, and defend the truth entrusted to her. The church is called to appropriate it mentally, to assimilate it internally, and to profess it in the midst of the world as the truth of God.”

- Herman Bavinck

Responding to Common Objections

1. Theology is the discipline of _____ the God we say we _____.

[When we shrug at theology, the result] “is a generalized and undirected worship that fails to arouse any sort of enthusiasm for the worship of nothing in particular.”

- Dorothy Sayers

2. Theology gives us a _____ .

“A worldview is the framework of our most basic beliefs that shapes our view of and for the world and is the basis of our decisions and actions.”

3. Theology gives us _____ to live by.

4. Theology _____ us to engage the _____.

5. Theology _____ us _____.

Presuppositions We Bring To Our Study of God

1. _____ is our authority.

2. _____ is necessary.

3. _____ is required.

2023 Theology Matters Schedule

January 25th

February 22

March 29th

April 19th

May 24th

June 28th

July

OFF

August

OFF

September 20th

October 25th

November 15th

December 13th