

ROMANS 12:1-2; 14:1-23

THEOLOGICAL TRIAGE

Big Idea: When Scripture takes us into deep waters, we stay anchored to God's Word, united in the Gospel, and focused on what matters most.

WE SUBMIT TO THE WORD

- Why do we submit to the Word of God (e.g. 2 Timothy 3:16-17)?
- Why is truth sometimes complicated and why is it sometimes hard to submit to it?

WE EMBRACE BIBLICAL TENSIONS WITH HUMBLE FAITH

- What are some examples of theological tensions in the Bible (e.g. Jesus being fully God and fully man)?
- How do we handle God being 100% sovereign, but man also being 100% responsible (refer to handout)?

WE LET ORTHODOXY PRODUCE ORTHOPRAXY

- What is orthodoxy and orthopraxy, and why must orthodoxy come first?
- Why is theological precision important, but what are the extremes to avoid when dealing with theology?

WE LET THE GOSPEL BE WHAT DRIVES AND UNITES US

- Why should the Gospel be what drives and unites a church?
- Why should theology lead to greater mission?

WE MUST PRACTICE THEOLOGICAL TRIAGE

- What is theological triage (refer to handout)?
- Why does theological triage matter?

At FBC Newcastle:

We will be a Bible people (submit to the text)

We will be a humble people (embrace tension)

We will be a fruitful people (orthodoxy — mission)

We will be a Gospel people (Christ unites us)

We will be a mature people (triage: right discussions, right priorities)

Theology is not to make us arrogant, but worshipful; it is not to make us divisive, but devoted; it is not to make us indifferent, but to make us evangelistic. So we will let the Word be the Word, we will hold the mysteries with faith, and we will lock arms around the Gospel until Jesus comes.