

# AIM INSTITUTE | THEOLOGY I

## Course Syllabus

**COURSE:** Theology I

**Course Term:** Twelve Weekly Zoom Debrief sessions to be announced

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Theology I is our introductory course in Bible doctrine. What is, and why is Theology important? Bibliology (Doctrine of the Bible) and Theology (Doctrine of God and Angels) are studied.

### **INTRODUCTION VIDEO:**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To introduce the student to the purpose and meaning of theology.
- To encourage the personal faith of the student through careful Bible study of the doctrines covered.
- To provide the student with Biblical answers to key questions that the Christian worker will face concerning the doctrines covered.
- To stimulate the student's thinking by exposing him to new areas of Biblical teaching.

### **INSTRUCTOR:**

Dan Haas founded and led Aurora Community Church in Aurora, Illinois for twenty-seven years. His ministry was characterized by community involvement including serving as President of the Aurora Clergy Association, Co-Founder of the Prayer Coalition for Reconciliation, Co-Founder of Covenant Christian School, Board Member of Wayside Ministries and past Secretary of the Aurora Rotary Club. Dan currently travels as a full time Bible teacher. From 1994-2010, Dan was instrumental in organizing a collaborative community effort that lowered the homicide rate in Aurora, Illinois from 2.5 times the national average per year to zero homicides.

Pastor Haas' educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Western Illinois University, study at John Marshall Law School, Northern Illinois University, and a Master of Arts from Wheaton Graduate School. Dan's commitment to the local church can be seen in his passions for revival and leadership training.

### **COURSE FORMAT**

This directed study format enables you to receive college level instruction while studying at home. (Note, AIM Institute does not offer accredited college credits.) Course elements include:

- Weekly video assignments
- Required textbook reading assignments
- Contact time with the instructor and classmates by means of a weekly Zoom debrief classroom.
- Study questions are for your personal benefit as well as preparation for the weekly debrief.
- Course will be graded as pass or fail. Bear in mind your weekly preparation will have a direct bearing on how much you gain from the course.

### **COURSE SCHEDULE**

- The first of twelve weekly Zoom debrief sessions will be Sunday September 18 at 7:00PM (Eastern Standard Time) for 12 weeks except November 27.
- You will receive a Zoom invite by email for each debrief.
- Preparation can be done at any time before the debrief.
- To maximize the use of your time, we will not cover information from the videos in the debrief unless there are questions.
- Completion of the course requires a project
- A complete schedule with weekly assignments will be sent to you after you are registered.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- This is an intensive course; students should plan to participate in all class sessions.
- Complete all course reading, watch videos, and writing assignments. (approximately one and a half hours a week.)
- Complete course project.

### **TEXT**

- “Introducing Christian Doctrine” (third edition) by Milliard Erickson, Baker Academic, 2013 (this textbook will be used for other AIM Institute theology courses as well)
- “An Outline Study of Theology” edited by Terry King, available by download from AIM Institute

Online registration form is available at <https://aimteam.org/aim-institute/theo1f22-app/>