

Covenant Crisis

A Course for Understanding and Responding Faithfully to Issues Dividing the Presbyterian Church (USA) Today

Outline:

- June 5
- I. What is the Problem? (unnecessary divisive distractions... sexual orientation or behavior... denominational standards for church leadership... lack of compassion... homophobia... outdated norms for moral conduct... accommodation to a lost world's broken ways... holier than thou exclusivism... encouraging hate crimes... dishonoring God...???)
- A. According to us...
 - B. According to the world...
 - C. According to God...
- June 12
- II. What is the Essential Identity of the Church?
- A. Ownership: Who belongs to Whom?
 - B. Purpose: What are we supposed to do?
 - C. Law & Grace (Romans 6)... Getting Saved & Behaving Well (Ephesians 2)... Savior Jesus & Lord Jesus (Luke 6:46ff)
- June 19
- III. What is the Bible?
- A. Issues of Interpretation (Reading "Out" & Reading "In") – Joshua 1:8, 2 Peter 3:14ff
 - B. Issues of Authority (Verbal & Plenary Inspiration) – 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - C. Thinking Biblically/Christianly
 - 1. Legalism vs. Licentiousness
 - 2. Inflexible Truth (Witness) for Struggling Sinners (Behavior)
- June 26, July 3
- IV. What is Man?
- A. The Biblical Witness: Psalm 8... Genesis 1-3... Matthew 19:4ff... Ephesians 5
 - B. Humanity Unplugged: Reimagining the Image
 - 1. Biblical Warning: Romans 1 & 2 Timothy
 - 2. Reality – Identity – Behavior (RIB)
 - C. Human Sexuality Reimagined – Intimate Behavior & Marriage in the New Millennium
- July 10, 17, 24
- V. Why Is Homoerotic Behavior Such a Challenging Issue for Us?
- A. The Deeply Personal & Emotional Nature of Sexuality (Beautifully Designed)
 - B. Reality & Authority Tested... God and His Word on Trial
 - 1. Biblical Prohibitions: Why so few?
 - a. Old Testament (Judges 19...)
 - b. New Testament (Romans 1...)
 - 2. Positive Examples: Why none whatsoever?
 - C. False Analogies
 - 1. Divorce
 - 2. Slavery
 - 3. Women in Ministry
 - D. A Chorus of Voices in Unison... the Bible, Nature, Human Anatomy, Public Health...
- July 31
- VI. Other Issues
- August 7, 14
- VII. What Is an Authentic Church's Faithful Response? – The PC(USA) & CPC