

PART 4: The doctrine of the Church

24. The Purpose of the Church
25. Discipleship—the Great Command of Christ
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PART 5: The Work of the Holy Spirit

27. The day of Pentecost
28. The Holy Spirit in our individual lives
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30. The Holy Spirit in church history

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32. Primary Truth
33. Creeds and Councils
34. Basic Doctrines – The Apostle’s Creed & The Nicene Creed
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PART 7: Last things - the doctrine of the end times

36. The Return of Jesus Christ
37. “Signs of the Times” and the Man of Lawlessness
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40. The Day of Judgement
41. Heaven and Hell

PART 8: Big Questions for the 21st Century

42. Science, Evolution and the Bible
43. What is Man?
44. Gender and the Bible
45. Sexuality and the Bible
46. Family and the Bible

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47. Piety over the Centuries
48. Our daily walk with the Lord
49. Prayer and Bible Reading
50. Obedience and Fellowship



Training in the local church

*“...prepare God’s people for works of service”
(Ephesians 4:12)*



Training

WHY? The New Testament encourages those who have been given gifts to train others.

Jesus Christ “gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” (Ephesians 4:10-11)

The purpose of this training is not for the sake of knowledge - which on its own merely leads to pride, a judgemental spirit, and useless arguments. The purpose, says Paul, is so that the church may be built up - matured and united in the knowledge of the Son of God.

WHERE? The very best place to do training is within the local church—this is what Paul has in mind in the verses above. Jesus trained the twelve in a family setting, and that is what we want to do here.

At Manor Park Church we want to give everyone the opportunity for a broad biblical and doctrinal training, so that they can serve Christ in whatever good works they have been prepared by God to do.

Spread out over five years, ten per year, we plan to run Prepared for Service to cover a wide spectrum of basic Christian doctrine—see the list of subjects below.

HOW? The format will include, refreshments, a talk and discussion. We believe that the best way to learn is not merely to hear a talk but to have the opportunity for discussion and questions.

WHEN? One Sunday evening a month, 6:30-7:45 designed to fit in with dropping off youth.

WHO? Everyone is welcome but we want folk to commit to at least one complete part. This course will be particularly useful for leaders and those who teach the Bible in any setting.

WHAT? Below is a list of the fifty seminars.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING THE COURSE? Mainly Pastor Roy Summers.

PART 1: The Bible – a Bird’s Eye View

1. Creation & Fall
2. The Patriarchs & Captivity
3. Exodus & the Judges
4. One Kingdom and Two
5. Exile & Return
6. Between the Testaments

7. The Life of Jesus
8. The Age of the Apostles

PART 2: The Bible – the Book and its Message

9. How the Bible was written – the inspiration of the Bible
10. How the books were put together – the “canon” of the Bible
11. The purpose of the Bible – to make us wise for salvation
12. Interpreting the Bible (1) Jesus
13. Interpreting the Bible (2) Gospel
14. Teaching the Bible

PART 3: The Story of the Church

15. Why consider the story of the church?
16. The Church under Rome
17. What did the first Christians believe?
18. The Roman Catholic Era
19. The Dawn of the Reformation
20. The Reformation – The famous reformers
21. The Reformation – The forgotten reformers
22. Denominations
23. Liberals