

History of the Church

Where do we come from and where are we going?

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Course Description:

This course explores the sweeping history of the Christian Church from its beginnings to the present day. Students will trace the story of the Church through its triumphs, struggles, divisions, and reforms, with a focus on how major events have shaped the faith and practice of Christians today.

We will examine the rise of the early church under persecution, the impact of the Roman Empire, church council meetings to determine doctrine, the medieval church's influence on culture and politics, and the seismic shift of the Protestant Reformation. Special attention will be given to how the Reformation permanently reshaped the Christian landscape and gave birth to the wide variety of denominations we see today.

Throughout the course, students will reflect on the lasting impact of church history on our worship, theology, leadership structures, and modern challenges. The aim is not only to understand “what happened,” but also to see **why it matters**—how the story of the past continues to shape discipleship and church experience in the present.

Schedule:

Sep 14	Intro: Why Church History Matters
Sep 21	Foundations
Sep 28	The Early Church
Oct 5	The Imperial Church
Oct 12	Medieval Church
Oct 19	Prayer Meeting
Oct 26	The Reformation
Nov 2	Denominational Growth
Nov 9	Prayer Meeting
Nov 16	Modern Church CFM Stafford Potter's House
Nov 23	Conclusion

Writing Assignments + Memory Scriptures

Sep 21 | Philippians 1:1-5

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Sept 28 | Philippians 1:1-10

Oct 5 | Philippians 1:1-15

Oct 12 | Philippians 1:1-20

Oct 19 | Philippians 1:1-25

Oct 26 | Philippians 1:1-30

Nov 2 | Philippians 1

Nov 9 | Philippians 1

Nov 16 | Philippians 1

Nov 23 | Philippians 1