

## Session 3

Essentials Group,

Thank you for your ongoing study of God's Word. It is a huge joy to me as your pastor. We will meet again on Sunday October 6th at 6pm. Reminder, next Sunday is our time down at the beach. I hope to see you at both!

**Session 3** will be about discovering the “**core gospel proclaimed**” and the “**body of teaching**” that the Apostles went to such great lengths to establish for the 1st Century Church. Combined, this is what Paul and the other Apostles call “**sound doctrine**”.

*Here are the two terms biblical students and writers use when speaking about the proclaimed apostolic gospel and the traditional apostolic teaching.*

**KERYGMA:** (pronounced kah-RIG-mah) is used to describe the gospel proclaimed by the Apostles. It refers to what God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, have accomplished on our behalf, as proclaimed by those who learned directly from Jesus.

**DIDACHE:** (pronounced DID-ah-kay) has the same root word translated “teaching” that we studied already that also is translated as “traditions” and “delivered”. It refers specifically to “the teachings” of the Apostles about what humanity is to do in response to the gospel.

### PREPARING FOR WEEK 3

A good way to prepare for this next session would be to copy and paste these passages digitally into a document where you can write and take notes, or if need be write them out in a journal (though this section has a lot of bible passages). I do this digitally so that I can highlight, bold, color code, or whatever I think will help me. This is more of a student practice than a Bible study or devotional note-taking, so writing directly in your Bible (if you do that) may not be as effective as a separate document or journal.

***For the reading and questions be aware of two things when reading the following passages:***

1. What does the passage **proclaim about the gospel?** (hint: about Jesus)
2. What does the passage **teach people are to do** in response? (hint: what we do)

### NOTES EXAMPLE:

Remember 1 Timothy 3:16 (we discussed Sunday night that has a hint of a **confession** or **creed** in it). This is how I take some simple notes (blue = gospel, and red = teachings):

### 1 Timothy 3:16

Great indeed, **we confess**, is the **mystery of godliness**:

*He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
**believed on in the world**,  
taken up in glory.*

[**challenge**: I left “proclaimed among the nations” uncolored to ask you if you think it should be blue or red?]

### GOSPEL (KERYGMA) PASSAGES:

Here are several fairly short passages **proclaiming gospel** truths. Take notes on the gospel, but also look for any **teaching** to the churches. If you take good notes you may begin to see common themes arising. If so, attempt to put some categories together about what the gospel teaches.

Acts 2:36

Romans 1:1–7

Romans 4:24–25

Romans 8:11

Romans 10:9–10

1 Corinthians 8:6

1 Corinthians 12:3

Galatians 1:1–5

Philippians 2:5–11

Colossians 1:9–10

Colossians 2:9-15

1 Timothy 2:5

2 Timothy 2:8

1 Peter 1:1–5

1 Peter 3:18

**READ THESE TEACHINGS (DIDACHE) PASSAGES:**

Read the following passages (broken into 4 categories) with a particular focus on the **teaching to the churches**, but also be alert to any **gospel** points that might be learned:

**Virtues and Character:**

Ephesians 4:1-7  
Galatians 5:16-24

**Roll of the Church:**

Ephesians 4:11-16  
Ephesians 5:7-21

**Repentance and Transformation:**

Ephesians 4:17 - 5:6  
Colossians 1:6-8

**Home, Family, and Community:**

Ephesians 5:22 - 6:9  
Colossians 3:18 - 4:1

**NEXT MEETING**

Due to our beach worship night next Sunday (September 29th), we will not be meeting until Sunday October 6th at 6pm. Until then, here is something to consider: ***should the core truths of the gospel and the essentials teachings of the Church be summarized and systematically instructed to the church?***