

Gospel/Acts – Intensive

Immerse Program

September 23 (8:30am – 4:30pm); September 24 (8:30am – 4:30pm)

14 hours of teaching

Objectives:

1. To discern how the Gospels express the story, message and teaching of Jesus so that we can become his disciples/followers – addressing the purpose of the Gospels.
2. To deal with some of the more challenging aspects of the Synoptic Question – divergences – an apologetic approach.
3. To discern key theological themes expressed in each Gospel:
 - a. Kingdom of God in relation to People of God/Ekklesia
 - b. “Gospel”
 - c. Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah
 - d. Holy Spirit
 - e. Use of OT in the Gospels
 - f. The human condition – sin, repentance, forgiveness, faith, salvation
 - g. Eschatology – the divine mission
4. To explain how the Gospels understand the significance of Jesus’ death and resurrection
5. To discern the way God advances his mission in Acts – Gospel presentations in the sermons of Peter, Stephen and Paul.

Session One: Gospels – form, function and purpose

Session Two: Synoptic Gospels and John – Challenges for Hermeneutics

Session Three: Theological Themes in the Gospels – Christology, Ecclesiology, Eschatology

Session Four: The Significance of Jesus’ death in the Gospels

Session Five: Kingdom of God and Ethics in the Gospels

Session Six: God’s Mission in Acts – breaking barriers.

Resources:

Logos Software

Seminar Outline 2016
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Required Readings:

Articles from *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels* and *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Development*. (Immerse Website).

Recommended Readings:

Robert Stein, *The Method and Message of Jesus' Teachings*. Louisville, Ky.:
Westminster John Knox Press, 1994, rev. ed.

Don Carson, *The Gospel According to John. Pillar Commentary Series*. Grand Rapids,
Mi.: Eerdmans, 1991.

I. Howard Marshal, *Acts. Tyndale New Testament Commentaries*. Grand Rapids, Mi.:
Eerdmans, 1980.