

Youth Men's Bible Study of FBC Keller: Doctrinal Statement and Guidelines

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This is the official doctrinal statement of the Youth Men's Bible Study of First Baptist Church of Keller.¹

The main goal with this is to grow in our understanding of God by reading and discussing alongside our brothers in the faith. This will be a time almost solely devoted to studying and discussing the Word of God in a roundtable setting.

1 Doctrinal Foundations

- **First and foremost**, we shall use the Bible as the root of our doctrinal statement. There is no better resource than the divine Word of God itself.
- **Second**, we'll use the Nicene Creed to ensure that all have a clear understanding of the truth of the gospel.
- **Third**, we'll use the Athanasian Creed predominantly for its very clear and descriptive explanation of the triune and divine nature of God and of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.
- **Fourth and finally**, we will use the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith to help train our leaders in basic Baptist doctrinal truths, as well as for a crash course in church history.

¹Many items in this document are subject to change, as this is an early draft.

2 Leadership

2.1 Who Will Lead?

Leadership will be a volunteer position only.

We would prefer that those who lead be juniors and seniors in high school, with sophomores being added as voted on by upperclassmen. This way we can ensure some semblance of maturity within the leadership structure.

For leadership attributes, we will hold to the teaching of Paul in 1 Timothy², where Paul lists the qualifications and instructions for those who are in a position of spiritual leadership.

2.2 Leadership Resources

We also hope to read the next article of the Heidelberg Catechism before we split into small groups each week.

The reasoning behind having these resources is twofold:

- **First**, so that we can ensure that all who wish to lead have a firm foundation in the truth of the gospel.
- **Second**, so that we can make sure that they know what they are getting into.

This is not a position to be taken lightly, as you will be guiding the discussion; that is to say, not teaching a lesson, but rather making sure that the conversation stays on track and is at least related to the passage.

3 Structure, Scheduling, and Communication

3.1 Structure

The basic structure is something that we're calling "Bible Study Book Club."

Before the study: read and study the passage personally, and take notes.

During the study: bring notes and discuss the passage and compare notes.

After the study: send notes in for compilation???

²1 Tim 3:1-13, 4:6-16

3.2 Accountability

Time in the Word

- Reading
- Personal Bible study

Prayer

- Prayer life
- Prayer requests

Purity

- Sexual purity
- Purity of speech