

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 Leadership

1.1 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.

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

²1 Tim 3:1-13, 4:6-16

1.2 Leadership Resources

To ensure that all leaders are on the same page, we have a list of resources that prospective leaders are required to read. That list is as follows:

- The Nicene Creed
- The Athanasian Creed
- The 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith

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.

2 Structure, Communication, and Accountability

2.1 Basic Structure

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

We will have an assigned section of study for that week (anywhere from one to three chapters, depending on length and content). In the week leading up to the next meeting, we will spend time studying the passage and taking notes like you would with any regular Bible study.

When we meet again the following week, we'll come together to have a roundtable discussion on what we read and compare notes.

2.2 Scheduling

2.3 Communication and Scheduling

The method of communication is still up in the air as of the time of writing (June 11, 2025), but we still have a few ideas.

The preferred method is to have the group move to Discord (messaging platform with extensive group moderation and organization features) and have separate channels (chats within the group) for different topics (prayer requests, announcements, etc.)

2.4 Accountability

Time in the Word

- Reading
- Personal Bible study

Prayer

- Personal prayer life
- Prayer requests

Purity

- Sexual purity
- Purity of speech