READING SCHEDULE – MODULE 1/PART 3

Textbook Reading
☐ Kapic, chs. 3-5 (pp. 30-63)
Supplemental Reading (After Lecture Material)
☐ "Not All Doctrines Are at the Same Level: How to Make Some Distinctions and Determine a Doctrine's Importance" - https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/not-all-doctrines-are-at-the-same-level-how-to-make-some-distinctions-and-determine-a-doctrines-importance/

Study Guide

For Kapic pp. 30-63

Chapter 3 – *Theology as Pilgrimage*

- Why does Kapic make the point that we are not God? Why does this matter for theology?
- What are "archetypal knowledge" and "ectypal knowledge"? Why is this distinction important for understanding theology?
- What does Kapic mean by comparing theology to a pilgrim journey? Why does this matter?
- How does Exodus 33:17-23 illustrate our theological task? What kind of attitude should we have based on this truth? How should this impact the way we do theology?
- What is the point of the quote from Thomas Aquinas? What effect does this have on the way we should connect theology and worship?

Chapter 4 – *The Inseparability of Life and Theology*

- What does Kapic mean by calling theology both an art and a science? How did the reformers use the word science when referring to theology? Why does this insight matter?
- In what ways does Christianity agree with and in what ways does it disagree with postmodernity with regard to the way we know things? What does Paul's quote from First Corinthians contribute to your understanding of this issue? What does Gregory of Nazianzus contribute to your understanding?
- What warning does Charles Hodge give about doing theology? Do you think he was right? Why or why not? How should this insight be applied in your own life?
- What warning does J.I. Packer give? Do you think he was right? How does Kapic elaborate on this warning? How does this apply to your life?
- What does Kapic mean by "anthroposensitive theology"? Why does he use this term? Do you agree? How should you apply this insight to the way that you do theology?
- How does each quote in a blurb box summarize or contribute to the teaching of this chapter? Which stood out to you most? Why? What difference does it make for your life?

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Chapter 5 – *Faithful Reason*

- What does Kapic mean by "the relationship between faith and reason"? How does this influence the way we do theology? Why is this important?
- What does Kapic mean by "concerns about authority and knowledge"? How does this influence the way we do theology? Why is this important?
- How does Kapic think reason should work in theological activity? What are the dangers he warns of? Do you agree? Why or why not? How should this insight impact your own theological activity?
- Describe in your own words Augustine's teaching on this topic. What impact does sin have on our understanding? What role does faith have in our understanding? What role does reason play in our understanding?
- Describe what Kapic means by "faithful reason." Do you think this is a good approach to theology? Why or why not? How should you apply these insights into your own life and ministry?
- How does Kapic describe faith in the Bible? How does this description agree or disagree with your prior understanding of faith? How does this describe or disagree with the exercise of faith in your own life?
- According to Kapic, how does faithful reason work in our relationship with God? How can you apply this insight in your own life?
- According to Kapic, how does God's Spirit work to help us understand? What should we expect, and what should we not expect God to do for us in this matter? How is this demonstrated in the life of Paul? How have you seen it demonstrated in your own life?
- What is the point of the quote from Gregory of Nazianzus? What difference does this make?
- Why does Kapic claim "there are no true unbelievers"? Do you agree? What does this imply for our theological activity? What does this suggest for our discussions with non-Christians?
- Describe John Calvin's understanding of "knowledge." What point does Kapic make by describing this? What difference does this make for your own life and ministry?
- What does Kierkegaard's quote contribute to Kapic's argument? What does this tell us about "untruth" and our relation to it? How should we apply this insight?
- What point does Kapic make about "mastery" and "being under the microscope"? How is this reflected in your own approach to theology? How should you change to do theology better in this regard? How is Job an example in this regard?
- How does Kapic summarize theology in the last paragraph? How is this like or unlike your previous conception of the nature and purpose of theology? How can you apply this insight?
- How does each quote in a blurb box summarize or contribute to the teaching of this chapter? Which stood out to you most? Why? What difference does it make for your life?