READING SCHEDULE – MODULE 2/PART 2

Textbook Reading
☐ Kapic, chs. 8-9 (pp. 80-105)
Supplemental Reading (After Lecture Material)
☐ "How to Read the Bible and Do Theology Well" - https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/the-bible-and-theology-don-carson-nivzsb/

Study Guide

For Kapic pp. 80-105

Chapter 8 – *Suffering, Justice, and Knowing God*

- What choice must we resist making, according to Kapic? Why? Do you agree?
- How does Psalm 113 illustrate this issue? How can you keep your own thoughts clear and accurate on this?
- Why does Kapic bring up the term "anthroposensitive" in talking about God's revelation of Himself? What result should this produce in the life of the theologian, according to Kapic? How does knowing God impact the theologian, according to Kapic?
- What point does Kapic make about the connection between compassion and being "unstained by the world"? What example did Jesus give of this? How does Kapic suggest we should follow His example? How should you personally live this out?
- According to Kapic, what was the problem with the theology of the people in Isaiah's day? Why was this offensive to God? How does God (through Isaiah) say they must change?
- How are rationality and compassion connected, according to Kapic? What point does he make about "lived theology"? How should you respond to this insight?
- Do you agree with the phrase "Good theology is public theology"? Why or why not? What difference does this make for your theological work?
- How is the truth of God's compassion displayed in the synoptic Gospels and in 1 John? What difference does this make for your own life and ministry?
- What are the two opposite errors that Kapic speaks of in this section? How can you protect yourself from each of them? How can you rightly keep a faithful theology in this regard? What personal action steps can you take to pursue this?
- 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 9 – *Tradition and Community*

- What is the problem that Bavinck warns against? Why do you think this is a problem?
- How does our culture shape our view of Christ? What are some examples of this that Kapic gives? What are some dangers to avoid?
- What is the best way, according to Kapic, to protect ourselves from cultural prejudices and blind spots?
- What is "orthodoxy" according to Kapic? What is the function of the creeds? What difference should this make in your own life?
- According to Kapic, how should we respond to the various distinctions and divisions in the church? What is the danger of "restricting God's grace to one tradition"? Why can't we believe that "all traditions are equally valid"?
- What are the five slogans of the Protestant Reformation movement? Why do you think each is important?
- What is the difference between tradition and traditionalism, according to the Pelikan quote? How can that distinction help you in your life and theological activity?
- What does Kapic argue about the relationship between tradition and Scripture? What implication does this have for the way that we treat tradition?
- What does Kapic mean by "we have never completed the theological task"? How should you respond to this insight?
- How can our "present communities of faith" help us in our theological work? Why is this important? What does the John Owen quote add to your understanding?
- What is the relationship between the church's practice and its theology?
- What point does the illustration of the firefighters have for theologians?
- How can/should a theologian fit into the life of the church, according to Kapic? What are the particular dangers? What are the opportunities and benefits? How does the Charles Hodge quote illustrate this dynamic? How can you apply this in your own life and ministry?
- What are the limits of the role of tradition and practice, according to Kapic? Do you agree? Why or why not? Why is this an important issue? How does it apply in your own life?
- 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?