READING SCHEDULE – MODULE 3/PART 1

Textbook Reading
☐ Jamieson chs. 3-5 (pp. 47-82)
Supplemental Reading (After Lecture Material)
☐ "Categories of Systematic Theology" - https://www.scriptureexegesis.com/TF/TH255TheologyCategories.pdf

Study Guide

For Jamieson pp. 47-82

Chapter 3 – *Sound Doctrine is For Holiness*

- What is the point Jamieson makes from the story about the sermon that changed his life? What does he mean by "Biblical lens"? How was this an instrument of change in his life?
- What does Jamieson say is needed in order to grow in holiness? Why do you think this is necessary? How does it contribute to growth in holiness?
- What four things does 1 Tim. 3:16 say the Scripture is profitable for? Which does Jamieson highlight for growth in holiness? Why do you think he highlighted this one?
- How does indwelling sin keep us in holiness? How does sound doctrine combat this?
- How does Jesus pray that His disciples would be sanctified in John ch. 17? What does it mean to be sanctified? How do you think His Word helps in this goal?
- How does Paul connect sound doctrine with lifestyle in First Timothy? How does Jamieson elaborate the connection between sound doctrine and godly living?
- How does Paul's prayer in Philippians illustrate the connection between sound doctrine and holiness? Why does Paul pray this? What can you do to make this more of a reality in your own life?
- How does the doctrine of God contribute to holiness? How does each of the two Scripture passages contribute to this? How can you apply the doctrine of God to your own growth in holiness?
- Describe in your own words how sound doctrine helps holiness grow through each of the four aspects of church life. How does this apply to your own life and ministry?
- What is the difference between simply replicating specific behaviors and the kind of modeling that Jamieson is describing?
- In what ways have you experienced the power of sound doctrine in ways similar to Jamieson? How did that power impact your life?

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Chapter 4 – *Sound Doctrine is For Love*

- What is the point Jamieson makes from his discussion about sailing and the wind? What is Biblical love NOT like in this description? What is Biblical love like? Why is sound doctrine important for this?
- Have you ever heard love and doctrine treated as opposites in church? Have you ever thought and/or acted as if this were true?
- Go read 2 John. How does John connect love and truth? How does sound doctrine contribute to this dynamic? How can you apply these insights in your own life?
- What stood out to you from Jamieson's examples of sound doctrine teaching us to love? How can you apply this insight in your own life and ministry?
- Which doctrines does Jamieson highlight as contributing to our love? How does the Edwards quote contribute to this dynamic? How have these doctrines influenced your growth in love? How should your love continue to grow, and which doctrines can help?
- Explain in your own words how sound doctrine can provide the pattern for our love. How can you apply this insight?
- What suggestions does Jamieson make for applying doctrine for our own love? What specific advice does he give for dealing with people who are hard to love? In what specific ways can you put this into practice?
- How does Jamieson describe the Love of God? Think about this truth until your sail is full.

Chapter 5 – *Sound Doctrine is For Unity*

- Do you have any friendships similar to Jamieson's, which would not have happened without Christ? How did the friendship happen, and what obstacles were overcome? How did Christ overcome these obstacles?
- What are some of the divisions in our society which Jamieson mentions? Which one stood out to you? How do you think the church transcends this difference?
- How does the doctrine of justification by faith alone contribute to the unity of the church? What implications does this have for the way that we should live as a church?
- What does Jamieson mean that the church is not only the foundation, but the restorer of unity? What are some examples of Paul using sound doctrine to restore unity? How can we apply these doctrines today?
- What kind of issues does Jamieson mention that divide the church? How does the Bible say we should pursue unity? How does it address these particular issues? Notice Jamieson's insistence that the solution is doctrinal, and not just practical. What difference should this make for your life?
- What are some things around which we should NOT pursue unity, according to Jamieson? What is the one thing around which we SHOULD pursue unity? Describe the difference between a unity around the Gospel and a flimsy unity around other things? How does this typically work out? What can we do in response to this difference?
- How does unity testify to the Gospel? What implications does this have for your life and ministry?