

Class Name:

First Principles Series I

Description:

This course, developed by BILD International (BILD) is a catechetical teaching beginning with the essentials of the Christian faith. The goal of the First Principle series is to lay a foundation of the First principles of the faith (based on the teachings of Christ) in the lives of believers that is so strong that they will be able to think biblically as they live their lives. Another goal is to cultivate a desire to begin a journey toward the lifelong pursuit of wisdom. The Focus of the First series is in the context of the local church.

Why You Should Attend:

Hope Church has determined that this would be one of our “Foundation” courses as part of our philosophy of “Equipping the Saints for the work of Ministry and building up the body of Christ” Ephesians 4:12. We are in full agreement with BILD’s contention that we are in an era of biblically illiterate believers. Today it is crucial that we take to heart two verses that First Principles are formed around. Colossians 2:8 tells us to not be held captive to the worlds philosophies but instead to those philosophies of Christ. Secondly, Hebrews 5:11-14, which reminds us that there is an expectation for those in the faith after many years that they would be mature and adequate in the Word; able to teach it, defend it, and to pass it on to the next generation. We here at Hope affirm that good doctrine leads to a life of good ethics and good works. We believe The First Principles lays the foundation for that.

Requirements:

Church membership is suggested as a prerequisite, but not a requirement to take this course.

Resources:

The Series I Course is comprised of the following 4 books:

Becoming a Disciple

Belonging to a Family of Families

Participating in the mission of the Church

Cultivating Habits of the Heart

Facilitator: Christopher Greene