

Reformation Academy Outline - - *Semper Reformanda*

The purpose of the church is to worship God, spread the gospel and make disciples. Corporate worship and sharing the gospel come easier to many churches than discipleship. Making true disciples is not easy or automatic but we are called to do it.

Purpose: To compliment the local church by offering something ‘between Sunday School and seminary.’

God has revealed Himself through nature, conscience & especially in Scripture so that we may know God as He would have us to know Him and that we may know who we are in relation to God. This wholistic understanding of systematic theology from logic, philosophy and especially from Scripture is sadly lacking in much of the visible church of today in America. We facilitate understanding the triune God of creation and redemption.

Theology

The Bible is our complete authority! Truth (even beyond the essentials of the Gospel) should be universally sought after, agreed upon and applied. We share, teach, discuss & compare various doctrines. We strive to aid in knowledge of and application of Scripture to areas of life in which Christians confront serious challenges from our culture: Education, Worship, Evolution, Politics, Church Government & Discipline, etc.

Residential Programs

Our core mission is to facilitate self-directed Biblical learning and the application of spiritual truth.

Residential stays are in 1 week increments with communal meals as a means of true Christian fellowship.

As part of the registration process we will attempt to find each guest’s specific need or interest so we can provide customized recommendations for study and follow-up discussions. For those with no known specific need or interest, a general theme will be given for each week.

We have a substantial book library and over 1,000 lessons on DVD.

Our Name - Reformation Academy

ReformationAcademy.com and ReformationAcademy.org are reserved for this ministry. Our motto: “Semper Reformanda” (always reforming) reflects our desire to continually reform our thinking to Biblical truth especially as revealed by Jesus Christ and outlined by the Apostles. Church history is full of reformations & relapses. We can learn from the lessons of Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, Edwards, Sproul, etc.

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Residential Program Overview

Typical Day Except: Mondays start at Noon. Saturdays end at Noon

7:00 AM	Quiet Time Ends
7:00 - 7:30	Personal prayer & devotions (Optional group prayer & devotion time)
7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast*
8:30 - 12:00	Study &/or Fellowship Time - Includes components from curriculum outline
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch*
1:30	Study &/or Fellowship Time Resumes - May include components from curriculum
3:00 - 4:00	Optional Snack Bar fellowship time starts
6:00 - 7:30	Supper*
7:30 - 9:30	Fellowship Time Resumes for Games &/or Discussion Optional 23 minute video with snacks - Video may be from curriculum outline
9:30	Quiet Time Begins

* Volunteers help prepare & clean-up after meals.

“Study &/or Fellowship Time” includes individual use of books and videos.

“Study &/or Fellowship Time” may also be used to meet with Staff for direction and counsel.

Meetings with Staff are sometimes very casual and done going for a walk or playing games.

Sometimes they are more formal and private with a same gender staff member.

“Study &/or Fellowship Time” can be used in casual activities individually, with other visitors &/or with Staff. Flexibility can facilitate the encouragement that comes from Christian fellowship.

Eligibility

Typically, a profession of Christian faith is required for residential programs. No heresy (contradicting the Gospel), but error is allowed. Statement of faith required: "The atoning work of Jesus Christ is my only hope of eternal security." However, we anticipate scheduling separate times for non-believing inquirers. These are separate times because there can be no true Christian fellowship with non-believers and true Christian fellowship is an important directive of Scripture for the believer and proves very fruitful. The curriculum is vastly different between the two, with non-believers being presented with the truth claims of Christianity and the tools to evaluate those claims. We want all (believers and non-believers) to rightly know which category they are in and why. Raising pretenders to Christianity in patterns of righteous living is a destructive obfuscation of the Gospel.

Scheduling - Start-up

Our projected initial opening is June 2024. This initial opening is dependent on the acquisition of and preparation of an appropriate facility. Until and unless God provides such a facility or the resources to purchase one, we will continue to operate as we do now. Currently we operate on a very limited basis supporting and facilitating individual and small group studies and fellowship. We have accumulated substantial educational resources which are available for use in homes and churches as requested. Let us know if you would like to borrow, view or discuss any of our resources for yourself, small group or church use.

Between now and actual in-person on-site operation we also intend to continue developing outlines, lessons, videos, etc. These are for use by loan, with Reformation Academy staff or virtually on-line. We anticipate that those services will continue after the start of in-person operation but with a lower priority.

Check-in is from 9 AM - Noon Monday. Check-out is from 9 AM - Noon Saturday.

There is no curriculum scheduled for Saturdays. Sundays are reserved for worship. Guests staying over between weeks are invited to join staff members at their local churches or to visit the local church of their choice. Visitors staying over between weeks of study are not charged extra for Saturday & Sunday.

Curriculum by Weeks

Systematic Theology — Broad Overview:

Monday	Systematic Theology vs Biblical Theology Forest vs Trees What the Bible tells us: Who is God? Who am I relative to God? Creeds and Confessions
Tuesday	Regenerative History
Wednesday	5 Solas
Thursday	T.U.L.I.P.
Friday	Covenantal + Calvinist + Regulative Principle of Worship = Reformed (TR)

Biblical Understanding:

Monday	The Purpose of the Bible Who is God? Who am I relative to God? Eternal Worship or Retribution
Tuesday	Principles of Biblical Interpretation The Bible interprets itself The Skeptic's Guide to the Bible
Wednesday	Choosing and using Bibles Canon, Versions, Format variations
Thursday	Practical Insights Types of Biblical Interactions: Read Study Ruminaton
Friday	Formulas: Initial order to read & Daily schedule 1 Proverb chapter per day Once per year Sticky notes

The Reformation: History & Theology

Monday	Before Luther
Tuesday	Luther
Wednesday	Calvin
Thursday	Summary of Reformation Theology
Friday	Reformed vs Roman Catholic Beliefs

5 Solas

Monday	Sola Scriptura
Tuesday	Sola Gratia
Wednesday	Sola Fide
Thursday	Solus Christus
Friday	Soli Deo Gloria

T.U.L.I.P.

Monday	Total Depravity
Tuesday	Unconditional Election
Wednesday	Limited Atonement
Thursday	Irresistible Grace
Friday	Perseverance of the Saints

History of Heresies & resulting Councils, Creeds & Confessions

Monday	Jesus is Lord
Tuesday	Pelagius
Wednesday	Arminius
Thursday	Cumulative Heresies into the Middle Ages
Friday	Reformation Return to Scripture Clarifying Creeds and Confessions

Sphere Sovereignty

Monday	Introduction: Church - Civil Government - Family
Tuesday	Role of Family Role of Civil Government
Wednesday	Role of the Church - Worship, Evangelize & Disciple
Thursday	Role of the Individual in all 3 spheres
Friday	Role of God & The Will of God: Decretive Providential Revealed (Prophetic) Secret - None of our business Moral

Grand Themes of the Bible - (At least 3 weeks) Mix and match any 5 for one week:

Pride vs. Humility
God is Sovereign
Unworthy; not Worthless
Miracles - as authentication only
Covenant Theology
God's Nature and Character
Man's Nature and Character
The Problem of Sin
Death
How to Please God
The Human Behavior Cycle - as in Judges (include graphics)
Grace & Mercy (include graphics)
Heaven & Hell
Kingdom of God Kingdom of Heaven
Sheol Hades
Lake of Fire New Earth
Paradise Bosom of Abraham
Salvation
Election & Reprobation
Justice & Mercy; no injustice in God (include graphic)
Double Imputation (include graphic)

Catholic vs Reformed

Monday	Authority (include Venn diagram) Bible, tradition & Pope vs Sola Scriptura
Tuesday	Salvation Works + Grace vs Sola Gratia
Wednesday	Ordo Salutis - Order of Salvation Baptism vs Regeneration, Repentance, Sanctification, Glorification
Thursday	Sacraments
Friday	Church Government

Video Week

Short videos all day (poss choice of 2 or 3 if facilities available)
Movie every night
Discussions over snacks & meals

Church History Video Week

All videos & movies pertain to church history (Otherwise as "Video Week" above)

Definitions Week (At least 5 weeks) Mix and match any 5 for one week:

Science	Logic
Science vs Logic	Scientific Law
Scientific Theory	Scientific Model
Reformed	Calvinist
Dispensationalist	Amillennial
Pre-millennial	Post-millennial
Pelagian	Semi-Pelagian
2nd Law of Thermodynamics	Predestination
Arminian (Jacob Arminius 5 point remonstrance)	
Elect	Heresy vs Error
Evolution	Preterist
Partial Preterist	Fellowship
Exegesis vs Eisegesis	General Revelation
Special Revelation	Self-Existence (The power of being)

Denominational Differences Grid - A church not a church? Distinguishing heresy from error

Monday	Creation
Tuesday	Christology Baptism & Lord's Supper
Wednesday	Soteriology
Thursday	Spiritual Gifts
Friday	Eschatology, Ethnic Israel, Millennium

Essential Doctrines

Monday	What are the key doctrines that are critical to the Christian faith? What are the doctrines that we can agree to disagree on?
Tuesday	Doctrine regarding God
Wednesday	Doctrine regarding man
Thursday	Doctrine regarding salvation and the Christian life
Friday	Review of what is essential and what is desired but not essential Brief overview of dozens of doctrines Heresy vs Error, Gray area, Understanding terms

#1 Need: Funding for (or donation of) Real Estate

Note: With our IRS 501(c)(3) designation, we do not anticipate having to pay any property taxes as long as the property is in the name of Reformation Academy, Inc.

Ideally the property would have:

An inviting appearance
A gathering room for at least 15 people (30 would be great)
A full kitchen and dining area for at least 12 people (24 would be great)
Low maintenance features
Safe but not prestigious location
Space for outside activities

Inside Facility Preferences:

Low maintenance improved spaces
Guest Quarters with en suite baths
Dormitory Spaces with nearby baths
Manager and Employee/Volunteer Apartments
Recreation room: Pool table or Ping-pong, Cornhole or Darts, Card tables, Games
Library: Basics of Christianity, General Purpose & Christian Research
Classrooms
Storage

Outside and Location Facility Preferences:

Acreage for gardens, trails, gazebo, recreation & gathering/dining
Scenic: Natural surface water &/or Mountain views
Depending on projected maintenance possibly a few of:
Garages(s) Badminton Nature trail Bocce Basketball hoop
Horseshoes Vineyard Disc golf Chicken spa Volleyball

Operating funds:

Reformation Academy, Inc. is incorporated in Florida as a not-for-profit corporation and has full IRS 501(c)(3) certification for tax deductibility of contributions.

Some ministries may be free, but generally our visitors will contribute financially to fund the ongoing ministry.

Visitors will generally pay all variable costs plus at least a bit toward fixed costs and maintenance costs.

We have in place sufficient commitments of volunteer labor and cash to begin in-person residential ministries as soon as the real estate need is met. In the mean time, we will continue to develop on-line and limited in-person services.

Additional & Future Ministries

Evening Programs

We may incorporate weekday evening (not Sunday or Wednesday) meetings to present the gospel to unbelievers, disciple believers, answer questions and introduce the community to our mission.

At a later date (independent of or in cooperation with local churches) we may provide:

A safe environment for Pastors to discuss theological differences.

Community lectures, videos, Q&As, etc. with hospitality (snacks or meals)

Hosting of community Bible studies.

Day only study programs priced to include meals.

Specialized Curriculum

Most elements of our curriculum are available to all visitors as appropriate but we plan to have some specialized elements for the specific needs of specific categories of visitors during specific dedicated weeks.

Possible Specialized Residential Programs (Not self-guided but a directed curriculum):

College preparatory retreat

College recovery retreat/preparation for real life

Theological instruction specific to the needs of current or future:

School teachers	Politicians	Retirees	Counselors
Pastors	Elders	Deacons	Homeschoolers

Pastor restoration for those under discipline

Co-op program in coordination with Bible College(s) &/or Seminaries

Transition into society after prison

Homeschool Supplementation

Resources for parents

On-site group activities for parent supervised children

Dedicated Christian History Room/Museum

In addition to meeting the specific interests of guests, the main 3 categories of learning in the study center are: Systematic Theology, History & Wisdom.

To that end, we envision a Christian History emphasis starting with a few posters and possibly eventually growing to something of a Museum which may include 1 or 2 rooms or even an entire small house on the property. Resources may include:

Bible Timelines:

- Books of the Bible — time of recording, author & time recorded
- Bible Characters
- Bible Events
- Kingdoms
- Miracles
- N.T. Timeline
- Passion Week Timeline
- Ark - Tabernacle - Temple
- Creation
- Revelation

Maps - Large versions of good Bible maps

Artist renderings:

- Ark - Noah's
- Ark of the Covenant
- Tabernacle
- Temples

List of History Resources available in the Library

- DVD lectures
- DVD movies
- Books

Artistic displays and models:

- Noah's Ark
- Ark of the Covenant
- Dioramas showing the terrain surrounding events
- Tabernacle
- Temple(s)
- Holy Land
- Calvary
- Boats, clothes, tools, coins, houses, etc. of the era