

Theological Equipping Class – Introduction to Fall Semester
“Delight. Display. Declare: The Mission of The Parkway Church”

The Parkway Church exists to Glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ who: Delight in Him, Display His Love to one another, and Declare Him to the World

Some Shifts in the Theological Equipping Class

- We want you to be more “equipped” for the work of ministry
 - *“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” - Eph 4:11-13*
- More interactive
- Give away good books

Delight in Him

- John 17:3 – *“This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”*
- Philippians 3:8-9 – *“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him”*
- Psalm 36:7-9 – *“How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. ⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.”*
- Psalm 27:4 – *“One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.”*
- Psalm 16:5-11 - *“The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.... You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”*
- Psalm 73:25-26 – *“Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”*
- How do we “Delight in Him?”
- TEC Teachings:
 - How to Study Scripture
 - How to Meditate on Scripture
 - Psalm 1 – *“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”*
- How to Pray Scripture
- How to Kill Sin
- How to Delight in God’s Creation

- Psalm 19:1 – *“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.”*
- How to Learn from Church Heroes
 - Philippians 3:17 – *“Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.”*

Display His Love to one another

- John 13:34-35 – *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*
- Philippians 2:1-11 - *“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*
- How do we “Display His Love to one another?”
- TEC Teachings:
 - How to Build up the Church
 - Ephesians 4:11-13 – *“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”*
 - How to be a Community of Prayer
 - How to Disciple Others in the Church
 - How to Disciple your Family
 - How to be Distinct from the World
 - *“I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”*
– John 17:15-19

Declare Him to the World

- Matthew 28:18-20 – *“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.””*
- Romans 10:13-17 – *“For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have*

never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

- 2 Cor 4:5 - *For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.*
- Col 1:28 - ²⁸ *Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*
- Philippians 1:15-18 – ¹⁵ *Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.”*
- How do we “Declare Him to the World?”
- TEC Teachings:
 - How to Evangelize
 - How to Engage in the Surrounding Community
 - How to Plant Churches
 - How to be Kingdom-minded
 - How to Engage in International Missions