

Immanuel Women's Theology Cohort

Syllabus

2014-15

Immanuel's mission is to be a multiplying community that enjoys and proclaims the Good News of Christ in the great city of Chicago. We recognize that accomplishing this mission requires an intentional process for raising up leaders. There is a particular need for women leaders who are grounded in the gospel and equipped to serve in the church and teach other women. In Titus 2 Paul charges Titus to identify certain women in the church at Crete that he can teach so that they in turn would be able "to teach what is good" (v. 3) as they "train the younger women" (v. 4). Likewise, the elders at Immanuel desire to invest in certain women that can help disciple other women in biblical truths and living.

Participants will be matched up in a one-on-one relationship that meets at least twice a month for discipleship and accountability. This will encourage the development of genuine spiritual friendships.

All participants will also attend a monthly cohort for discussion. The cohorts will be centered around a topic and require reading as follows:

- #1 – Scripture: [*Bible Study*](#) by Kathleen Nielson OR [*Women of the Word*](#) by Jen Wilkin
- #2 – Theology: [*Knowing God*](#) by J.I. Packer
- #3 – Ecclesiology: [*Church Membership*](#) and [*Church Discipline*](#) by Jonathan Leeman
- #4 – Spiritual Disciplines: [*A Praying Life*](#) by Paul Miller
- #5 – Counseling: [*Because He Loves Me*](#) OR [*Counsel from the Cross*](#) by Elyse Fitzpatrick
- #6 – Gender Roles: [*God's Good Design*](#) by Claire Smith
- #7 – Culture: [*The Feminist Mistake*](#) by Mary Kassian OR [*Radical Womanhood*](#) by Carolyn McCulley OR [*Jesus Feminist*](#) by Sarah Bessey OR [*A Year of Biblical Womanhood*](#) by Rachel Held Evans

Everyone will have to write a one-page interaction with each book and be prepared to participate in a discussion of its content.

The end goal is to train, assess, and overall encourage women leaders at Immanuel who can influence and disciple other women in the church. We desire to see women leaders who are solid in their understanding of the Scriptures, sound in their theology, intimate in their relationship with the Lord, committed to the local church, confident in their ability to teach, and compassionate and wise in their counsel.