

## Sermon Outline

### “The Importance of Sound Doctrine”

Matthew 22:34-40, 28:19-20; Psalm 78:1-7

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#### Main Idea:

The study of the Bible is very important for the Christian life. In doing so we will grow in our knowledge of God so that we will love him more and respond with lives lived for Him and His glory. Jesus calls all of his followers to live out His great commandment: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”*

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1. The Why (Why is sound doctrine important?)
  - a. To grow in our love for God
  - b. To have discernment
2. The What (What do we mean by sound doctrine?)
  - a. The storyline of the Bible (Biblical Theology)
  - b. Topical doctrinal study (Systematic Theology)
3. The How (How do I begin/progress?)
  - a. Bible Reading
  - b. Attend to Preaching
  - c. Catechism
  - d. Special classes
  - e. Reading good books

#### Key Quotes:

*“The Bible insists that we love God with our heads **and** with our hearts.”* Robin

*“Bible study is the way to get to know your friend (God).”* Robin

#### Fellowship Starters

1. Read Psalm 78:1-7 and Matthew 22:34-40.
2. Open in prayer.
3. Discuss the reasons why it is important to study the Bible.
4. Discuss the difference between studying the Bible through the storyline (Biblical Theology) verses in a topical (Systematic Theology) approach. Why should we do both?
5. Discuss how you are currently doing in reading and meditating on God’s Word. What do you need to start doing, or keep doing, that you might grow in the knowledge of God and in the joy of the Savior in 2015?
6. End in prayer.