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# Theology of John Wesley

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Dates: January 7 - March 25

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

## Course Description

This course explores the person, life and theology of John Wesley and early Methodism. Through the use of primary, secondary sources and group discussion we will be seeking to develop a model for Christian life and mission in our context.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Students should have a deeper understanding of Christian theology over all
2. Students should gain a deeper understanding of who John Wesley was, what his context was and what his goals were for his renewal movement
3. Students should leave the course with a model for personal and church renewal, i.e. discipleship and mission

## Readings

Students will be given a 'course pack' of Wesley's writings at the beginning of the course. It would be helpful for students to read the section pertaining to the coming week in order to facilitate a conversation about the topic and deepen the engagement level with the course.

## Structure

This course runs over 11 weeks (February 18 we do not meet as it is Ash Wednesday and we will be having a service). Our basic structure will be 1 hour of lecture, allowing for discussion (7-8 pm) and then 30 minutes for question and answers or more general discussion (8-8:30 pm). The course outline is as follows:

WEDNESDAY	TOPIC	READING	FACILITATOR
January 7, 2015	Introduction, Context, Biography, & Methodism	"On God's Vineyard" "A Plain Account of the People Called Methodists"	David (Rob Away)

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January 14, 2015	Theological Method	“Catholic Spirit” “Upon Our Lord’s Sermon on the Mount” I	David
January 21, 2015	God, Creation, & Humanity	“God’s Love to Fallen Man” “The Image of God”	Rob
January 28, 2015	Sin and Fall	“Original Sin” “On the Fall of Man”	David
February 4, 2015	Prevenient Grace	“Free Grace” “The Almost Christian”	David
February 11, 2015	Justification, Regeneration, & Assurance	“Salvation by Faith” “The New Birth” “The Spirit of Bondage and Adoption”	David
<b>February 18, 2015</b>	<b>No Class ~ Ash Wednesday</b>		
February 25, 2015	Ongoing Repentance & Christian Perfection	“The Repentance of Believers” “Christian Perfection”	Rob
March 4, 2015	Means of Grace	“Means of Grace” “The Duty of Constant Communion”	David
March 11, 2015	Renewal and Mission of the Church	“General Rules and Rules of the Band Societies” “The Use of Money”	David
March 18, 2015	Law & Gospel	“The Law Established Through Faith, I” “The Law Established Through Faith, II”	Rob
March 25, 2015	New Creation	“The Great Assize” “The New Creation”	David