



THE
EMMAUS
INSTITUTE

Discipleship Classes

WINTER 2023

CHURCH HISTORY
2,000 Years of God's Faithfulness

NEW! Introducing Institute Tracks! This January, we are starting something we have never done before that we have decided to call "Institute Tracks." These are special discipleship classes that last longer than one term. We have several planned for the future, but we will kick things off with our Church History Track beginning January 2023. This is how it will unfold:

Church History 1 (Winter 2023)

The Early Church to the Reformation

Church History 2 (Summer 2023)

The Reformation to Today

CLASS INFORMATION

Class Title: Church History Track

Class Subtitle: 2,000 Years of God's Faithfulness

Class Description: Why study history? Didn't you get enough of that in high school?? Though most of us studied national and global history in school, very few Christians today have any familiarity with our rich spiritual heritage as the church. In this Church History Track, we will provide a sweeping overview of God's providential protection and care of His church through time. We will watch Him faithfully build, establish, and protect it for 2,000+ years, coming to know Him and ourselves better along the way. Join us for our very first Institute Track beginning this January with Church History 1. Part 2 will be offered as a class during our Summer cycle.

Teacher Biography: Pastor Brian Bone has served as our Pastor of Discipleship and Missions since 2016. He and his wife Lauren were original core group members at Emmaus from the very start. They have three children - Emmy (10), Hudson (8), and Ella (5) - and one dog named Lewis. Brian has his Masters of Divinity from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. Jason Whitlock is a covenant member of Emmaus Church with a passion for teaching. He has his PhD from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Class Resources/Books: Yes, relevant course materials will be provided.

CLASS OUTLINE

Week 1 - Sunday, January 8

Title: Introduction & The Early Church

Description: During our first week, we will attempt to survey the first three centuries of the history of the early church. We will begin with a glimpse of the Biblical narrative of the early

church from Acts, followed by an analysis of the most important developments over the next three hundred years.

Week 2 - Sunday, January 15

Title: The Imperial Church

Description: Under Emperor Constantine, the Roman Empire officially declared Christianity to be the official religion after centuries of growth in the face of persecution. This significant development rapidly affected the church, with important moments unfolding in the following 100 years that would forever solidify its future.

Week 3 - Sunday, January 22

Title: Medieval Christianity

Description: After the first 600 years of its existence, the church entered a unique season with the development of the church in Rome, the first popes, and the establishment of the papacy. We will examine this season alongside the following centuries to see how the church continued to develop and thrive.

Week 4 - Sunday, January 29

Title: The Dawn of the Reformation

Description: As the first 15 centuries of the church come to a close, we will examine some of those foundations that began to set the stage for what would become the most important season in the history of the church since its inception - the Reformation. During this our final week, we will begin to see how the reformation came about.