

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

UNIT 1 - BIBLE: OLD TESTAMENT

UNIT 2 - LUTHERAN HISTORY & CATECHISM

Canon	I don't know why the Bible is so special, why certain parts made the cut, and who had the right to decide.	2 Timothy 3:14-17	Martin Luther	If we follow Jesus, why do we call ourselves Lutherans?	Ephesians 2:8-10
The Hebrew Bible	I don't know why the Hebrew Bible is part of the Christian Bible.	Deuteronomy 6:4-9	The Reformation	Since the church is so divided, I don't understand how the Reformation could be a good thing.	Galatians 3:26-28
Genesis	I don't know why Genesis matters when science has already disproven the stories.	Genesis 1:26–2:4	The Reformers	I don't know how just one person like Martin Luther could totally change the church.	1 Corinthians 3:1-11
Exodus	I don't understand why (or how) God plays favorites with Moses and the Israelites.	Exodus 33:17-23	Lutheran Confessions	I don't know why stuff outside the Bible is important to my faith.	John 11:22-28
Law	I don't understand why we observe some parts of the law but not others.	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	Adiaphora	I don't know what we're reforming from/to/for. I thought the Reformation was done. How will I know when we're done reforming?	1 Corinthians 10:23–11:1
Judges	I don't know what judges are at all.	Judges 6:11-27	Luther's Small Catechism	I don't know why the Small Catechism matters.	1 Corinthians 15:1-4
Ruth	I don't know why Ruth would willingly become an outsider in a foreign land.	Ruth 1:6-18	The Ten Commandments	I don't know why I should keep the 10 Commandments.	Exodus 20:1-21
Kings	I don't know where kings fit into the story of Israel.	1 Samuel 8:1-9	Apostles' Creed, Article 1	I don't know if I believe in God.	Psalm 8
Babylonian Captivity	I don't get why God would free the people only to let them be captured again.	Jeremiah 25:1-14	Apostles' Creed, Article 2	I don't see how Jesus has anything to do with me.	Luke 23:39-46
Prophets	I don't understand what qualifies someone to be a prophet.	Deuteronomy 18:15-22	Apostles' Creed, Article 3	The Holy Spirit seems really ambiguous, undefined, and impersonal. (P.S. Creepy, too.)	Acts 2:1-13
Psalms	I don't know what purpose the psalms serve.	Psalm 1	The Lord's Prayer	The Lord's Prayer is just empty words to me.	Matthew 6:5-13
Wisdom	I don't know what makes wisdom books more wise than the rest of the Bible.	Proverbs 2:1-15	Holy Baptism	I don't know why people should get baptized.	Romans 6:1-11
Job	I don't know why bad things happen to good people.	Job 1:13-22	Holy Communion	I don't know what communion is for.	Luke 22:14-20
Esther	I don't know why Esther's story matters when it doesn't mention God.	Esther 4:13-17	Confession & Forgiveness	I don't understand why we need to confess if we're already forgiven.	1 John 1:5-10
The Rise of Rome	What happened in the world between the Old Testament and New Testament?	Ezra 1:1-5	Daily Prayers	I don't see the point in praying prayers that other people wrote; it seems forced, insincere, and awkward.	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

UNIT 3 - BIBLE: NEW TESTAMENT

UNIT 4 - LUTHERAN LIVING

Maps	I don't know where all this Bible stuff happened.	Acts 14:24-28	Justification by Faith	I don't see why I can't take care of justification on my own.	Romans 3:21-28
The New Testament	If the whole Bible is so important, I don't understand why it is split into two parts.	John 12:44-50	The Cross	I don't understand why a symbol of execution is a central image of Christianity.	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Jesus	I don't understand how Jesus could be fully human and fully divine.	Philippians 2:5-8	Law & Gospel	I don't know why the law still matters when we have the gospel.	Matthew 22:34-40
Matthew	I don't know why Matthew refers to the Old Testament all the time.	Matthew 1:18-25	Saint & Sinner	I never feel like I'm a "good enough" Christian, and I don't know what to do about it.	Romans 7:15-25
Mark	I don't get why Mark skips stuff and ends before the story does.	Mark 1:14-20	The Church	I don't know why I have to go to church to be a Christian.	Acts 2:41-47
Luke	I'm not sure why Luke is so fixated on the Roman Empire and people on the fringes of society.	Luke 2:41-52	Freedom of a Christian	I thought freedom meant I was free of expectations and requirements.	Galatians 5:1, 13
John	I don't get why John is SO different from the other Gospels and changes the order of events.	John 14:6-14	The Neighbor	I don't need any neighbors, because I already have enough friends and family.	Luke 10:25-37
Acts	I don't know if church today is supposed to look like the church in Acts.	Acts 1:6-11	Grace	I don't trust that grace is really a free gift.	John 1:14-17
Paul and the Early Church	I don't know why we hold Paul in such high esteem, given his poor track record with Christians.	Acts 9:10-18	The Word	I'm not sure if the words in the Bible are the same thing as The Word.	John 1:1-5
Paul's Theology	I'm not sure why Paul's ideas are so important to Christians.	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Bondage of the Will	I'm not sure what or who is behind the choices I make.	Luke 22:39-42
Romans	I don't know why Paul felt the need to cram so many diverse issues and topics into one letter.	Romans 1:1-17	Two Kingdoms	I thought Jesus only talked about one kingdom.	Matthew 3:1-6
1st and 2nd Corinthians	I don't know why the church in Corinth seemed so messed up and confused.	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Vocation	I don't know what God is calling me to do with my life.	1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Galatians	I don't know what to do when Christians disagree.	Galatians 1:1-10	Worship	I don't know how I'm supposed to feel during or after worship.	Psalms 95:1-7
Letters	I don't know why so many letters are considered Holy Scripture.	1 Timothy 1:1-11	Devil	I don't know what or where the devil is.	Hebrews 2:14-15
Revelation	I don't know how to read this book without being scared or confused about the end of the world.	Revelation 21:1-8	Doubt	Sometimes I have doubts and I don't know if that's okay.	John 20:29-31