

# Mentor Guide: Program Week 4

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Fred Nelson teaches on Christian doctrine in an information-packed lesson. These Doctrine lessons that are posted this week and next are key lessons that are important for your church planter to succeed in a world hostile to Christian doctrine. (You are not required to watch the videos, but here is a [link](#) if you are interested.)

Remember that they should be coming with at least 4 questions or observations that they want to discuss. Here is one general question that might be enough to get good discussion going:

- What were the “aha” moments for you?

## Doctrine – Lesson 1

Some process questions:

1. What is doctrine? What is worldview? Why are these important for missionaries?
2. What are the seven worldview questions?
3. What is premodernism? What is modern? What is the postmodernism?
4. How do you answer the question, “who is God?”
5. How do you think this teaching may apply to your target people group and the way you will approach evangelism? What doctrinal questions will they have?

## Doctrine – Lesson 2

Some process questions:

1. What are some things that came up in this lesson that challenged the way you think about doctrine? Did anything stir more questions? What are those questions?
2. What is sin and where did it come from?
3. What is the role of Good and Evil in our lives today?
4. How do you think this teaching may apply to your target people group? What doctrinal questions will they have?

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In the [Doctrine Folder](#) in the Documents directory on the upper right side of the Student Portal are a number of additional resources for the student. They may want to process some of these documents with you.

## **Book Assignment**

*Contagious Disciple Making* will be processed in Week Five.

*Cross Cultural Servanthood* will be processed in Week Six. They should begin reading this book.

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### **Getting Started on Team:**

By week 5, they should give you a copy of their Team Agreement. In week seven you will discuss any concerns.

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## **Relate—Needs Lesson**

### *Summary of the lesson*

- Our needs are God's gift and design for our lives; they keep us free from independence and self-reliance and draw us into Him and the Body.
- INTER-dependence; not independence, not co-dependence
- Identifying Needs
  - God, self, and others-awareness help us to identify our needs accurately.
  - Once identified, humility, transparency and security help us move forward.
- Sharing Needs
  - Humbly and open-handedly sharing our needs fosters an environment of freedom in which we can know, understand and love one another more effectively.
  - Enables a strengthening of the Body as He supplies through one another
- Responding to Needs
  - This doesn't mean meeting every need; it does mean acknowledging needs that have been shared and supporting the process of seeing those needs met.
  - God will meet all of our needs through His glorious riches in Christ (Philippians 4:19), but not always through the first person with whom we share. Sometimes Christ alone will meet our needs; many times He meets the needs through His Body.

#### **a. How to mentor an individual**

- i. How do our needs contribute to how God sovereignly designed the Body?
- ii. How do you feel when you have a need?
  1. Is it difficult or easy for you to share your need?
  2. Easy or difficult to respond to others' needs?
- iii. Practice a conversation that you will have with your team leader where you share and ask them to meet a real need you currently have - it can be a need for clarity, more contact, a relational need, etc. The point is to start communicating about needs with your team.

1. Mentor, please remind them - After your conversation with your team leader, remember that they now get the opportunity to respond, through God, to your need(s). They are not necessarily responsible for or are going to meet your need(s) and that's okay!

**b. How to mentor a group**

- i. Same as above. For the conversation, if their team leader is in the room, have them have the convo right then, or at least start the conversation.