

Course L *The Elephant in the Room* (In person)

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Description

Are you keen to discuss issues in a relaxed small group setting? Instead of listening to lectures, you will participate in facilitated conversations on challenging theological issues – different ones each week – such as theodicy, and predestination. You will choose the topics for the later sessions. No prior knowledge is required, just a desire to discuss such issues. (57 words)

Outline

Week 1: Suffering and evil in God's world – Theodicy

Week 2: Predestination – Calvinism vs. Arminianism, Universalism

Week 3: Theological certainty and Christian triumphalism

Week 4: The “silence” of God and “unanswered” prayers

Week 5: Topic(s) to be proposed by the group (I will have a fill-in, if necessary, e.g., Hard sayings of Jesus)

Bios

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