



### 3. Teach the breadth and depth of the whole counsel of God.

*Summary:* This generation is to teach the next generation the whole counsel of God—a core knowledge of the breadth and depth of Scripture that is essential for coming to salvation in Christ and living a life of faith. Teaching the whole counsel includes five elements that each address specific and essential questions: Bible Survey and Book Studies (What's in the Bible? Who is the Bible about?), Biblical Theology (What's the main message of the Bible?), Systematic Theology (What are the essential doctrines of the Christian faith?), Gospel Proclamation (What do we need to be saved? How are we saved?), and Moral and Ethical Instruction (How are we to live?).

#### *Application at church:*

- Seriously examine the materials you are using in Sunday School and midweek programs—Do they teach the full counsel of God?
- Decide where each element best fits within your church program. Make a chart that shows where each element is taught and at what grade level.
- Examine the materials used in your church programming to determine if they contain depth (teaching materials, books in the classroom or library, retreat or camp materials, etc.).
- Determine the theological themes or essential doctrines your children should be taught and figure out how and when each will be taught (in Sunday school, midweek, on retreats, weekend seminar for teens, etc.)
- Memorize scripture together as a church (individual verses/passages or a book of the Bible). [See [FighterVerses.com](http://FighterVerses.com) and [Foundation Verses](#)]
- Listen to the Truth 78 seminar [Teaching the Whole Counsel of God](#).
- Listen to the following conference plenary talks:
  - [Declaring the Whole Counsel of God to the Next Generation](#) by Mark Vroegop
  - [Exploring the Fullness of the Whole Counsel of God](#) by Bruce Ware
  - [Holding Fast to the Whole Counsel of God Under Pressure to Conform](#) by Albert Mohler
  - [Believing the Whole Counsel of God: How Our Children Can Know the Bible is True](#) by John Piper
  - [Persevering in the Whole Counsel of God](#) by David Michael

*Application at home:*

- Encourage your child to use an appropriate Bible reading program that will expose him to the scope of the Bible.
- Read through the Bible as a family (Your “read through” may be determined by the age of your children).
- Expose your child to a wide variety of solid biblical materials.
- Teach your child the inductive Bible study method.
- Read a comprehensive Bible story book with your children (Genesis to Revelation).
- Teach the catechism to your children (see [Discipleship through Doctrinal Teaching and Catechism](#) for rationale, ideas and resources).
- Read through the [Making Him Known](#) book series.
- Determine which verses you want your child to memorize and then memorize those verses together as a family. [See [FighterVerses.com](#) and [Foundation Verses](#)]

*Resources:*

- Scope and sequence explanation ([truth78.org/scope-sequence-explanation](http://truth78.org/scope-sequence-explanation))