

Real Theology Presuppositions
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1. God is personal and active in the world

Much more important than thinking about omniscience, omnipotent, and omnipresent.

2. Jesus is the supreme revelation of God as Healer and Redeemer.

3. A relationship with God thru Christ is foundational to all Christian life.

Spiritual formation is absolutely essential.

God is personal; so, you can relate to Him.

4. The scripture is our core source of truth

It must be studied both cognitively and experientially

You must both understand what's there and experience what's there.

George Whitefield read the Bible through on his knees.

Before many churches have the reading of scripture to say, This is the Word of the Lord.

5. True religion is wholistic and combines the head and the heart.

6. The church must center on God and on people. The church is the people of God.

7. The church is essentially missionary

Johannes Blauw has written a book entitled, *The Missionary Nature of the Church*

Everyone in the church is a part of that mission.

8. The power that drives the mission of the church is the ever present Spirit of God.

Meant to be a practical theology of what we utilize in the church.

Constantly changing for Jon, the way I state it.

How do we usually define the church?

People, mission, metaphor, belief system

Question people are asking us: What is your church doing in the community?

Best way to involve people is to invite them to get with you in doing something.