



Ecclesiology I (TH208)  
Course Syllabus

**I. Learning outcomes for TH208**

TH208 will provide an introduction to ecclesiastical polity and the offices of elder and deacon.

**II. Required Reading**

Mark Dever, Jonathan Leeman eds., *Baptist Foundations: Church Government for an Anti-Institutional Age* (Nashville, TN: B & H Academic, 2015).

**III. Lectures**

[Ecclesiology Lectures](#)

**IV. Assignments**

Written assignments should be turned in together at the close of a course.

1. Read *Baptist Foundations* in its entirety.
2. Watch/Listen to lectures 1-7.
3. Write a two-page double spaced paper which considers the question, “Does the Bible prohibit or allow women to serve in the office of deacon?” This paper should incorporate a consideration of 1 Timothy 3:8-13.
4. Write a five to eight-page double-spaced research paper which articulates your position on the function of elders within a local congregation. Your paper should articulate whether you affirm elder ruled polity or elder led congregationism. Provide a biblical basis for your argumentation.

This paper should include at least five written works aside from the assigned reading. Footnote all citations and provide both a cover page and a works cited page. Consult either the *Chicago Manual of Style* or Turabian for questions of citation and pagination.