

Week Thirty-five

YEAR ONE

Read

Collins, Chapter 20, "Postexilic Prophecy" and Chapter 29, "From Tradition to Canon," pages 209–19 and 302–6

Focus

Identify the story, image, and/or idea that affected you from your reading.

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Read

The Revelation to John
Powell, Chapter 29, "Revelation," pages 519–37

Focus

State one new understanding and one thing that bothers you about the scripture's Book of the Revelation of John.

YEAR THREE

Read

MacCulloch, Chapter 25, "Cultural Wars," pages 967–1016

Focus

Reflect on how MacCulloch's context as an Oxford-trained British citizen shapes his understanding of history. How does his understanding compare with yours and the context from which you read history?

YEAR FOUR

Read

Peace, Rose, and Mobley, "Part VII: Repairing Our Shared World," pages 241–66

Focus

Describe one "deep gladness" and one "hunger of the world" that surfaced for you from reading the essays in Part VII.



ALL YEARS

Respond

Use the week's assigned reading to:

Identify the focus of what you read.

Explore the views of the world, sin, judgment, repentance, and/or redemption that may have been presented in your reading

Connect by

Noting how the author(s) drew on contemporary culture in writing the chapter;

Noting the beliefs that the author seemed to hold and how those intersect with your beliefs;

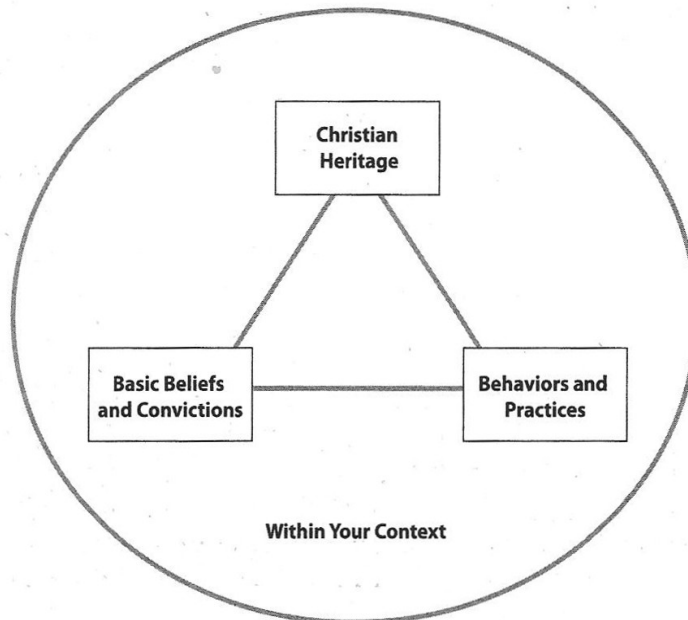
Recalling personal experiences related to the chapter's focus.

Apply by considering how the material of your text reflection relates to ministry you can offer in the world each day.

Practice

Keeping in mind the Integrative Triangle, consider the following questions.

Integrative Triangle



Christianity has multiple voices expressing varieties of theologies. Invest time and energy to identify how your beliefs resonate with theologies voiced throughout this year in EfM.

How have your behavior, practices, and attitudes been affected by your experience in EfM?

Imagine you have only two minutes to answer the question, "What is your ministry and how do you determine you are following God's call?" [Okay, you have five minutes.] Write a response.

