



GROW DISCIPLES

Being Lutheran module

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In this module, students dive into foundational Lutheran history, doctrines and beliefs. It begins with a look at the life of Martin Luther to give historical context for the Lutheran church. Then, the module explores the elements of the Small Catechism. By the end of this module, students should have a good understanding of the fundamental beliefs and doctrines of the Lutheran Church and they should be able to think and reason more deeply about the theology underpinning these beliefs.

Objectives

Key Knowledge

- Familiarity with the life of Martin Luther and the beginnings of the Lutheran Church
- Knowledge of the Small Catechism – what it is, what it says, what its purpose is
- Understanding of the foundational practices of the church and why each one is a gift from God so we can grow in faith and love

Key Beliefs

- The story of the church reveals God's grace and presence in history, which is still true today.
- The Lutheran doctrine outlined in the Small Catechism gives us a clear understanding of human sinfulness and God's grace, teaches us what the Christian church believes, how we pray, and how we can live our faith in daily life.
- Participating in the practices of the church is important because it is a way for us to participate in the life of Jesus.

Suggested Faith Practices

- Prayer: Praying the ancient prayers
- Scripture: devotional reading
- Life: participating in regular worship and sacraments

Recommended Resources

- Personal Bibles
- Luther's Small Catechism (personal copy for each student)

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