Session 2: Chapters 2 - 3 (pp 33 - 59)

A Question to Consider:

What is the biblical doctrine of conversion?

Textual Analysis:

- 1. Does the Bible offer examples of crisis conversion or gradual conversion experiences?
- 2. What is the implication of saying that saving grace is transferred to an individual upon receiving the sacraments?
- 3. What did conversion include in Luther's view?
- 4. How did the development of conversionism make the way for the creation of the altar call?
- 5. Why is Arminianism more conducive to altar call techniques?

Cultural Analysis:

- 1. How do you see James McGready's innovation of having a dateable conversion experience impacting church culture today?
- 2. In church sub-culture, is it better to have unity around doctrine or experience?

Biblical Analysis:

- 1. Read Rom. 10:14; John 17:8; 6:35; 1:12; 10:27-30. What does true saving faith include?
- 2. Read 2 Cor. 7:9-10. What do you learn about repentance?