



# The Six Great Ends of the Church

Learning Mini-Series

## DISCUSSION OUTLINE: GREAT END #1

### **The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind**

*Presented by The Reverend Dr. Rob Erickson*

#### **Series Information:**

This learning mini-series is sponsored by The Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington. It consists of seven videos in the “Ted Talk” presentation style. A discussion outline accompanies each of the Six Great Ends presentations. The presentations and presenters are:

- **Series Introduction:** *Rev. Dr. Rob Erickson*
  - **The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind:** *Rev. Dr. Rob Erickson*
  - **The Shelter and Nurture and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God:**  
*Rev. Emilee Williams*
  - **The Maintenance of Divine Worship:** *Rev. Dr. Jacob Bolton*
  - **The Preservation of the Truth:** *Rev. Becca Messman*
  - **The Promotion of Social Righteousness:** *Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey*
  - **The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World:** *Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr.*
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#### **Discussion Outline:**

- I. Read and discuss John 1: 1-5 and 14-18.
  
- II. The Word of God is central in the Reformed Tradition. Draw the concentric circles and what they represent on a blackboard, whiteboard, or flip-chart.

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- III.** How is preaching central to our Reformed Tradition? Does it take a higher place/priority compared to other activities in the church?
  
- IV.** What information are we supposed to be proclaiming? Specifically, what is the Gospel / Good News?
  
- V.** Quote from video “God’s grace is revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.” What does that mean to you?
  
- VI.** “... Salvation of humankind.” Does this mean one cannot be “saved” without knowing and believing in Jesus as your Lord and Savior?
  
- VII.** What does salvation of humankind mean to you?
  
- VIII.** Presbyterians as a covenant community...
  
- IX.** Read John 3:14-21 – what provides salvation?
  
- X.** Is proclamation solely talking and teaching? What else could it include?
  
- XI.** Do you ever feel like you are helping to provide the salvation of humankind? Under what circumstances? What is it you are doing or saying? Does it relate to the Beatitudes?
  
- XII.** Have you ever thought about yourself as a partner with God?