

How to Read a Pauline Letter: The Test Case of Philemon

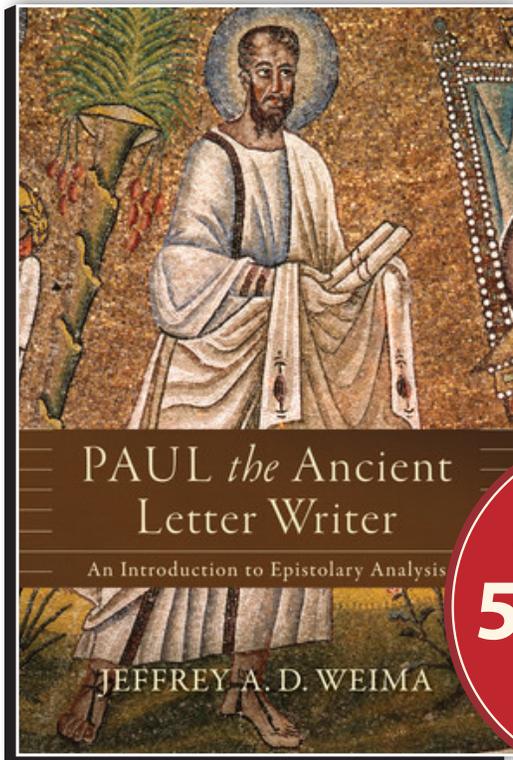
Friday, April 28, 1:00 - 3:00pm
Calvary Lutheran Church, 2820 Donald St E



How should one read a Pauline letter? This is a crucial question for pastors who spend much of their time and efforts in ministry both preaching and teaching on passages from the apostle's letters. This lunch seminar answers this crucial question by introducing participants to the method of epistolary analysis—a method that aids the proper interpretation of Paul's letters as well as other New Testament letters. Our limited time will be spent examining the apostle's compact letter to Philemon. The goal is to illustrate what an epistolary analysis of a Pauline letter involves as well as the exegetical benefits that such a form-critical approach can yield in understanding not just this letter, the briefest of the extant Pauline correspondence, but the potential that this method has for interpreting the remaining Pauline letters as well. It will become clear from this analysis that Paul has skillfully adapted every major unit of this letter—the opening,

thanksgiving, body and closing—so that the persuasive force of his argument is greatly enhanced and powerful pressure is placed upon Philemon to agree to the apostle's explicit and implicit requests. This seminar will improve in important ways that you interpret and preach Paul's letters!

Dr. Jeffrey Weima is Professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary, where he has taught for the past 25 years. He is a sought-after speaker who is able to communicate well the truths of the Bible in an interesting, contemporary and practical manner. Jeff has published five books and is the author of numerous scholarly articles and academic essays. He lectures widely around the world and regularly leads biblical study tours to Greece, Turkey, Israel/Jordan, and Italy. He also conducts intensive preaching seminars for pastors, and preaches often in churches in both the USA and Canada.



“Weima’s masterful study sets before readers the benefits of paying close attention to the structure of Paul’s letters.”

- Paul Foster, professor of New Testament and early Christianity,
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