

COURSE IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY (CHURCH GOVERNMENT)...taught by Dr. MacRae

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This course is called Pastoral Theology IV, and is really a course in Church Government. The reason that I am teaching it is that in a way it ~~is~~ is a branch of church ~~is~~ history. The history of the church is tremendously important in the matter of church governemtn. And I have had a certain amount of experiance ~~is~~ and study along this line, aside from church history. Mr. Schaeffer had all the seniors in one course last semester, and all the junior ~~xxxxxxx~~ class last semester, and this semester he will have all the middlers. Then he will have ~~a~~ each group for one class. And then he has an elective now. The class is ordinarily run as a one-hour credit course, but a two-hour class, as a laboratory class. However, we are not going to do this at this time. It is ocated in the catalogue and usually done that way, with one hour of practice and one hour of class. I believe this particular semester we will get more benefit out of it for having the time for your own study, the regular two hours with the one hour of class. (laughter) We have a good bit of ground to get over, and that is why I asked you if possible to be here sharply at 10:00 after this. The subject of church government is one that we want to examine from all angles, we can't go very deeply into it in the course of one semester, but I believe that we can open up a good many things that will be of tremendous value for every one of you, no matter where your lot may be cast, or in what particular phase of service/^{to}God you may find yourself in days to come.

Since the subject is church govern. I am going to take up first, as introductory, each of the two parts of the title separately. I am going to take up government first and then church second. As introductory, and then combine the two as ch. govt. So first we~~a~~ are going to take, we might make it I, govt. in ~~general~~ general. Now in any subject in which we are interested in studying, our first thought, of course, is what does the Scripture teach? If we have, on any subject, a clezr and full presentation somewhere in the Scripture, laying down ~~rules~~ rules and stating ~~ex~~ exactly what we are to