

## Guidelines for the Use of Online Teaching Resources for Eastridge church of Christ

**Goal:** Eastridge leadership is interested in providing more resources to our teachers, small group leaders, and other ministries that will facilitate biblical education during these challenging times of remote learning. In using these resources, it is paramount that **Eastridge church of Christ remain a church that teaches the bible and holds to sound doctrine**. As online resources for education come from a variety of sources, we ask all Eastridge teachers hold to these principles:

- **Teach from the bible in accordance with sound doctrine:** While many of our teachers draw inspiration and ideas from a variety of sources, it is important that the discussion and teaching time with our classes be centered around the scriptures. All information gleaned from books, the internet, and media sources are fallible ... the bible is truth.
- **Teach from a translation that is faithful to God's word:** God's word is only God's word when the original languages are faithfully translated without cultural bias. Our church leadership recommends the NIV '84 (not the New NIV), ESV, NASB, or NKJV as excellent translations.
- **Before a teacher recommends any source outside of scripture for the class or small group to engage, the source must be screened and vetted by the teacher to make sure it is teaching truth.** Watch out in particular for areas of deviation from the bible on the following topics: "Once saved, always saved", the plan of salvation, women's roles in the church, dispensational eschatology (pretribulational rapture), and church structure and leadership (just to name a few). Materials that teach non-scriptural views on these or any subject should be avoided.
- **If you are not sure about whether to use a particular video or other material in your class, please ask for help.** Reach out to any of our elders or ministers for assistance if you are unsure about a teaching or how to measure that teaching against the scriptures.

During these challenging times of COVID-19 (and really any time), using spiritual materials, sermons, videos, and the internet to acquire materials that assist teachers with engaging content for classes is understandable and may facilitate engaged remote learning. However, it is our goal and our mandate that Eastridge church of Christ remain a bible teaching, bible believing and bible centered church. Without condemning others, we simply aspire to be and to remain a scriptural church. Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our elders or ministers if you have any questions about these guidelines for the use of online media in our class and small group teaching.

Sincerely, The Eastridge Elders and Ministers