

# P Protestant University



FACILITATOR GUIDE | LESSONS 1-5

## THE PILLARS OF THE PROTESTANT

### **What you need to know (must read section):**

In this series we are going to explore the pillars of the Protestant Reformation known as the Solae of the Reformation. Each of the lessons presented explores one of the five solae. These are Sola Scriptura (the Bible Alone), Sola Gratia (grace alone), Sola Fide (faith alone) Solus Christus (Christ alone), and Soli Deo Gloria (glory to God alone).

Each of the five Solae in this series contains a video with a platform to encourage thought and discussion about Protestant values. Biblical passages and quotes from Ellen White, as well as references from current and historical writings are included for participant consideration, education, and discussion.

We hope that you find these guides useful to facilitate discussions with your group. As a facilitator, your primary role is to encourage group engagement as you progress through each topic.

Prior to your group's meeting, please take the time to familiarize yourself with the materials: facilitator guides, videos, terminology list and study guides. The materials for discussion, facilitator guide, video, terminology list and study guides are on <https://imsda.org/protestant-university/> and may be downloaded for your use. Please make sure that you print out the terminology list and study guides for each of the discussion participants. During the video presentations, there will be time for discussion. The speaker on the video will prompt you to press pause when it is time for that discussion. These discussion opportunities will be guided by questions that are included on the video. After the video presentation, please take the time to discuss the video presentation and review the study guides with your participants.

# Lessons

## **Section 1: Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone**

Sola Scriptura and Tradition

## **Section 2: Sola Gratia – Grace Alone**

Sola Gratia and Human Effort

## **Section 3: Sola Fide – Faith Alone**

Sola Fide Self Reliance. *Included in this session is an objects lesson. Script is located on page 6.*

## **Section 4: Solus Christus – Christ Alone**

Solus Christus: Assurance of Salvation in Christ

## **Section 5: Soli Deo Gloria – Glory to God Alone**

Glory to God Alone-Human Intervention "I have to do something."

## Lesson 3 Object Lesson

Included in this session is an object lesson, you will need a sealable sandwich or quart bag (Glad), water and sharp pencils.

Go to this website to see the experiment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIEK3CC9ahY> (or do a YouTube search on “Leak Proof Bag Experiment”).

**Script for experiment:** I need a volunteer. Please come up here and have a seat on this chair. [HOLD WATER BAG OVER VOLUNTEER'S HEAD & LOOK TO THE CLASS]. If I stab this sandwich bag with a pencil, what will happen? [PLAY ALONG IF THE VOLUNTEER MOVES OUT OF THE WAY OR DOES WHATEVER]. It's just water, don't be afraid. I promise nothing will happen to you. You won't get wet. [PAUSE]. Look...[REMOVE BAG FROM OVER VOLUNTEER'S HEAD & INSERT THE 1ST PENCIL INTO BAG]. See, simple science & you won't get wet. So now, [TO THE CLASS], what will happen if I stick another pencil in? [NOW ASK VOLUNTEER TO SIT BACK IN CHAIR, PLACE THE BAG OVER HIS/HER HEAD & INSERT THE NEXT PENCIL]. No water is leaking. So, do you trust me now? Do you believe I can stab the bag with another pencil & it won't leak? [STICK ANOTHER PENCIL]. [ASK THE VOLUNTEER TO GO TO THEIR SEAT & PRESS PLAY ON THE VIDEO].

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