



TRUTH ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to creating biblical worldview resources which prepare the Body of Christ to be salt and light to our neighbors and the culture.

"The Engagement Project is a chance to gaze upon the face of God. After taking everything we have learned about a Biblical worldview, the question now is, what are we going to do with it?"

Nancy A.

"It was exactly what I needed to hear, when I needed to hear it, in the environment I needed to hear it in."

Mark K.

"Dr. Tackett teaches in a way that is very engaging, charismatic, and captures your attention."

Melissa P.

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

"The Engagement Project changed me because I can't love the same. I know I need to love sacrificially, and with a zeal that comes from the Lord."

Esther A.

"I really found it to be beneficial to be in a room with friends that know me, who will continue to challenge me when the video turns off."

Gentry T.

"It just stirred us, it stirred me."

Hector P.

"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit..."

JOHN 15:8

TRUTH ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES'

The ENGAGEMENT Project

WITH Dr. Del Tackett



A 10-WEEK SMALL GROUP STUDY

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In a Land of Nought
A Remnant of Hope



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Creation
The Endgame



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The Heart of God



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The River of Death



TOUR 4
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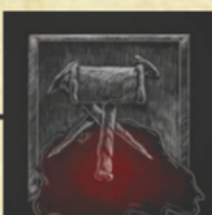
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TOUR 6
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TOUR 9
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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST SERIES OF WORLDVIEW TOURS!

THIS IS GOING TO BE AN AMAZING JOURNEY, and we are grateful that you are with us. You are part of a special community of leaders around the world, helping believers live from a comprehensive and systematic biblical worldview, fulfilling God's call for us to be salt and light to our world.

First, our prayer is that you will experience God's transforming power for yourself through *The Engagement Project*. Second, we are praying that the Lord will work through you and your prayers as you see God deeply transform your small group members as well.

We've prepared online resources to help you through all of this and we will be sending you encouragement along the way.

We will also provide a rich set of resources for your guests online, so it is important for you to make sure each person is registered on the website (DelTackett.com). This will give participants access to each week's tour pages where they'll discover materials for preparation, reflection and ways to go deeper in they desire.

We will be praying for each of you...for every leader as you are taking your guests through these tours. We are excited to hear about how the Lord is working in your life and the lives of your participants.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Dr. Del Tackett

THE JOURNEY

When we draw near to God and contemplate His divine nature, it exposes us, as it did Isaiah. But it also awakens us to His Truth, which transforms us and calls us to engage the world around us. After we engage, we seek to restore the Truth of God in all areas of life.

AWAKEN, ENGAGE, RESTORE

Dr. Tackett's previous worldview teachings helped us AWAKEN to God's Truth, and included *The Truth Project*, *Cross Examine*, *Who is Jesus?* and *Is Genesis History?* *The Engagement Project* is the next step in the journey. And, if God provides, we will produce the final phase, *The Restoration*.

THE ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

The Engagement Project's ten tours will again take us on a marvelous quest of seeking the face of God. As He allows, we will seek to gaze upon the Crown Jewel in His nature—a quest we hope and pray will deeply transform the Body of Christ.

This will lead us to understand where we are in God's Meta-Narrative and the incredible vision He has granted to us as His representatives on earth. It will show us that He has entrusted the primary work of the Kingdom to the common, everyday Christian. It will not be an easy set of tours. However, if God should so bless, and if the Body of Christ will simply begin to do what He has asked us to do, we are convinced it will change everything.

It will change each of our lives, radically transform our families, and, by God's grace, turn the world around us right side up.

START HERE

Register at DelTackett.com and log in to the Facilitators area where you'll find many resources for leading *The Engagement Project* small group.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A FACILITATOR

1 BE CHANGED

Our first responsibility as a leader is to allow God to do His transforming work in our own lives. Take the time to think and pray and take action on what God shows you through each tour.

2 PRAY

First, ask the Holy Spirit to show you who He is calling to be in your small group. You might be surprised by His divine appointments! Second, pray for each person in your group by name regularly. Ask God to give each person the courage to not run away from the face of God and to be transformed into His likeness. Third, give God the glory for each answer to your prayers. Remember, it is His transforming work, not yours.

3 HOST

Open your home and provide a trusted and inviting place for people to wrestle with the truth of God. Be hospitable and joyful and they will look forward to coming back. Make sure each one is registered on the website (DelTackett.com) and encourage them to take advantage of the additional content for each tour. This is an important part of the transformational process.

4 LEAD THE DISCUSSION TIME

Begin with asking them to list what they saw, then ask what struck them. We are seeking for them to share what God has provoked within them. There are questions in the facilitator's area on the website as well, but don't let those questions keep your group from expressing what God is doing within them. Let them talk and be careful not to dominate this time. Be an encourager. Listen!

5 CATCH AND PASS THE VISION

We will be praying that you will not only catch the vision, but help pass the vision to your guests. Pray they will catch the vision and begin to fulfill the Royal Law. And pray that they will, in turn, open up their home to lead their own small group.

TOUR-BY-TOUR SUMMARIES



TOUR 0 In a Land of Nought: A Remnant of Hope

What is God's "Meta-Narrative" and where do we fit into it? This introductory Tour is designed to help participants get a handle on this very basic question regarding the *purpose* of the Christian life. As Dr. Tackett explains, there are five major "epochs" in history: *Creation, Fall, Redemption, Engagement, and Restoration*. As Jesus' followers, we inhabit the fourth of these—*Engagement*—in which it is our task to bring the *light* of God's kingdom to bear upon an increasingly dark world.



TOUR 1 Creation: The Endgame

Tour 1 takes us back to the very beginning—the epoch of *Creation*—where we start to gain a sense of our place in the broader sweep of the Meta-Narrative. God's purpose in creating, says Dr. Tackett, was to promote *fruitfulness*. He designed this world and everything in it in such a way that His creatures, and mankind in particular, might play an active, participatory role in the creative process. The goal or "endgame" of His plan is the proliferation and cultivation of flourishing, abundant *life*.



TOUR 2 Fall: The River of Death

The second epoch of history, that of the *Fall*, saw God's original plan frustrated and turned back upon itself. At this stage of the game a villain entered the picture with a counter-narrative. Once adopted, this counter-narrative introduced a new default setting into the fabric of creation. A tipping point was passed beyond which the flow from *life to life* became an irresistible current of *death leading to death*. Life, fruitfulness, and goodness were all put at a disadvantage and the world began running backwards.



TOUR 3 Redemption: The Heart of God

It's during this third Tour that we get our first glimpse of the object of our Quest: the Crown Jewel of the Divine Nature, which is *love*. Obviously, God could not simply allow the world to continue on its downstream course to destruction. The big question was *what* He was going to do about the problem and *how*. He *could* have wiped the slate clean and started over again at Square One; but *love*, which is the very heart of His nature, made this impossible. Instead of *annihilation*, God chose the course of *redemption*. Rather than letting out a roar of destruction, He breathed out a promise of grace.



TOUR 4 Engagement: The Royal Task

Three Guiding Questions have directed our steps up to this point: *Why did Jesus leave? Why does God send? And What is God's Endgame?* In Tour 4 we begin to take a serious look at the last of these. The epoch of *Engagement* is the era in which we are given a job. Now is the time and today is the day when the King's messenger comes knocking at the door bearing orders from our Sovereign in his hand. *This is when we begin to fulfill the Royal Task*: the task of sharing His redeeming love with the world by seeking the *shalom* of our neighbor.

These Tour-By-Tour Summaries are provided to you, the Leader or Facilitator of your group. Be sure NOT to share these summaries with your group because Dr. Tackett carefully reveals each of these truths at just the right time for your participants to best learn these truths.



TOUR 5 The Vision: Engaging With Grace

Tours 5, 6, and 7 focus on the *practical* aspects of the assignment Christ has given us as His Remnant of Hope in the Epoch of Engagement. During the course of this first installment we'll talk about what it means to fulfill our task with *grace* and *sensitivity*. We'll consider how to subject our speech, actions, and behavior to the rubric of an overarching Mission Statement, "The Royal Vision," which we'll articulate in the following terms: *We will build real relationships with those providentially in our Jerusalem, through prayer and action, with grace and wisdom and truth, being attractively winsome, tearing down walls, building up trust, doing the work of the kingdom.*



TOUR 6 The Vision: Engaging With Wisdom

The second part of our practical training as agents of the Royal Law focuses on the challenge of turning *head-knowledge* into *heart-knowledge*. When it comes to loving our neighbors as Jesus has loved us, wisdom is a question of practical *know-how*. It's a matter of learning to engage uniquely with unique individuals. It involves discernment and a willingness to listen and learn so that we can customize our words, actions, and responses to fit the requirements of each new situation. Tour 6 is designed to show us how this works in the context of real life.



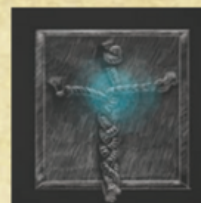
TOUR 7 The Vision: Engaging With Truth

Tour 7, the third part of our discussion of practical strategies, reminds us that, biblically speaking, *Love* and *Truth* are always inextricably intertwined. We cannot have the one without the other. "Love" without Truth is sentimental and mushy; "Truth" without Love is impersonal and harsh. But when God's Word is communicated from heart to heart within a context of trust, deep relationship, and sacrificial zeal for the *shalom* of the recipient, lives can be changed in miraculous ways. That's what true evangelism is all about.



TOUR 8 The Engagement: The Royal Sacrifice

We now return to the all-important question of motivation. What is it that drives the Christian to move out into the world, engage the people of his Jerusalem, and seek the *shalom* of his neighbor? Why take on such a formidable assignment? The answer takes us back to the object of our Quest: it's all wrapped up in the sacrificial *agape* love of God, the Crown Jewel of the Divine Nature. Tour 8 attempts to plumb the depths of this love through a detailed examination of the great Self-Sacrifice of Jesus Himself.



TOUR 9 The Engagement: The Band of Brothers

This last Tour underscores the importance of Christian fellowship and camaraderie: not just the camaraderie of a conversation on the church patio during "coffee hour," but the deep interpersonal bonds that are formed within the context of a *shared task*. The key idea here is that we can only fulfill the Royal Law as a *body*, a *family*, a *group* with a common identity and mission. This is why Dr. Tackett believes it is so crucial for every Christian to be part of a small "life group"—a group of dedicated disciples who are committed to go the distance together come what may.