

**Lesson 5**  
**Reformed & Reforming: How Church History Shapes Who We Are Today**

**I. What it Means to be “Reformed”**

- A. We occupy a particular place in the stream of church history
- B. The Bible calls us to remember our history (1 Chron. 16)
- C. The Reformation & the Reformed tradition
  - 1. A revival of Biblical Christianity
  - 2. A reformation of the church
  - 3. A reformation of the worship of God
  - 4. A reformation of Christian faith and life (focus on soteriology)

**II. Why the Church Should be “Always Reforming”**

- A. We’re always maturing in our understanding/application of God’s Word
- B. The truth is always under attack (both from inside and outside the church)
  - 1. Therefore, the truth is always in danger of being corrupted, forgotten
  - 2. And the church is always called to remain faithful in worship, witness

**For Discussion**

- 1. What are some ways our “Reformed” history has shaped us? What are some extremes we can avoid in communicating the Reformed faith?**
- 2. How should the theology of the Reformation shape our worship and witness today?**