



# ID217 Theology of Food

Dr Kwa Kiem Kiok | 1.5CR

## Course Purpose

*[Write as a narrative. State (1) how the class relates to BGST's vision/mission, (2) challenges/possible roadblocks in accomplishing that, and (3) the following statement: "the purpose of this class is to . . ." Identify specific ways the course will equip the student to meet challenges identified.]*

Eating is one of the most common and most profound ways by which we relate with each other, to the created world, and to God. Indeed, Jesus Christ left a meal for his followers to remember him by. And yet many Christians think little about the food they eat: where did it

come from; or the meals they share, such as who prepared the meal? Hence, as an act of Christian theologising over all aspects of life, this course will explore the many aspects of food and eating. The purpose of this class is to integrate historical, economic, and sociological perspectives from within the framework of Christian theology.

### Dates (2021)

February 18,  
March 11, 18,  
April 15, 22

Location  
TBC online

Credits  
1.5 CR

Class Format  
Blended Learning

Fees\*  
S\$225(Credit)  
S\$120 (Audit)

Time  
7:15pm – 10:00pm

Pre-Requisites: NIL

## About the Lecturer

**Kiem-Kiok** is Lecturer in missiology and interdisciplinary studies. She brings her legal and theological training, as well as work experience in marketplace, church and para-church organisations into this role. Previously she was lecturer and registrar at East Asia School of Theology where she taught a variety of courses in intercultural studies. She has published on a diverse range of subjects including a contextual commentary on Matthew (ATA, 2017), contributed to the Dictionary of Christian Spirituality (Zondervan, 2011) as well as on religious harmony in Faith in an Age of Terror (BGST, 2018). She and her husband, a Methodist pastor, enjoy walking in the outdoors. She is Registrar at BGST



**Reuben Ang** is Managing Director of Hesed & Emet. A Business Administration graduate from NUS, he worked in the VCF and FES before joining Hesed & Emet in 2012. In 2016, he created *The Hesed Table*, the company's social arm which aims to reduce food waste at the wholesale level and provide nutritious meals to communities that need it most, such as migrant workers and low-income households. Reuben is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Catering Professionals Singapore (ACAPS) and an Elder of Zion Serangoon Bible-Presbyterian Church.



**Professor Jeffrey P. Greenman** is President and Professor of Theology and Ethics at Regent College, Vancouver. An experienced leader in evangelical theological education, Jeff has served as Associate Dean of Biblical & Theological Studies and Professor of Christian Ethics at Wheaton College, and Vice President & Academic Dean at Tyndale Seminary (Toronto).



# Learning Outcomes

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By the end of the course students will be able to

1. Articulate key themes in the complex role that food plays in human culture, with special attention to some of the most important contemporary issues related to the production, distribution, preparation, and consumption of food.
2. Understand more deeply the important place of food in the Christian tradition, especially with regard to its role in the Lord's Supper, hospitality, and community building.
3. Intentionally live more reflectively and wisely with regard to the role of food and eating in their own lives, in their families, and in their local faith communities.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete all the readings, including listening to online lectures. Students will write a statement that they have done so. (5%)
2. Book review (30%)
3. Presentation (25%)
4. Reflection/ Research paper (40%)

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