

DISCIPLE: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Disciple is a program of disciplined, in-depth Bible study that focuses on the disciple as learner, believer, follower, proclaimer and servant. Each course runs 32-34 weeks and provides mutual support of the small group for study, prayer and preparation for servanthood. Disciple aims at transformation, not just information. Small groups are available during daytime hours and evenings.

Disciple I Covers the Bible story from Creation to the New Jerusalem.

Disciple II Into the Word, Into the World—concentrates on Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts, emphasizing the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, approaching all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service.

Disciple III Remember Who You Are—a study of the Old Testament prophets and the letters of Paul, examining the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. Common themes include calls to remember, calls to repent, calls for renewal and calls for community.

Disciple IV Under the Tree of Life—conveys the promise of finding shelter, security and peace in God's love. This study includes the Old Testament writings, the Gospel of John, the letters of John, James and Jude, and Revelation. A focus on the Psalms leads naturally to an emphasis on worship in this study. Throughout the study is the sense of living toward final completion in God's kingdom.

Jesus in the Gospels A 30-week study that invites believers to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and asks "Who is the Jesus that you see?" This study will deepen discipleship through better understanding of the Biblical texts and their messages.

Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind Focuses on classical teachings of Christian faith, presenting, explaining and interpreting them in a way that participants can understand, through the use of words, symbols and hymns. Over a 30-week period, participants will examine the writings of ancient and modern Christian commentators and view video presentations by leading Bible scholars.

Each Sunday, these groups and classes are listed in the weekend bulletin insert *Grace in Mission*. Please check to see that the class or group which interests you is meeting. Several groups take the month of July off, and some do not meet on holiday Sundays. You will also find up-to-date information about who is leading these groups and classes in *Grace in Mission*. If you have an idea for an additional adult class or study, please contact one of the Adult Education Council members listed below.

Adult Education

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Encouraging and supporting adults in their growth as disciples of Jesus Christ through education and fellowship.

Winter 2010 Class and Group Offerings

Faith and Family

9:30 a.m. Sundays, Room 250

Open to all ages, couples and singles. Lively discussions deal with faith, discipleship, Bible studies and current issues through Christian literature and video studies. Members share leadership of discussion topics.

Contact: Bob Pacanowski; 630-983-6031 or BobFOD@aol.com

Questors

9:30 a.m. Sundays, Room 254

This long-established group meets for faith and fellowship. Each week guest speakers cover a variety of spiritual and social issues in a lively discussion format.

Contact: Vic Maroni; 630-983-7438 or maroni@anl.gov

Forum

9:30 a.m. Sundays, Fireside Room

Many members of the Forum Class are retired, but certainly not "fired"! There is lively discussion led by either a guest speaker or class member.

Contact: Bill Abe, 630-355-1030

Grace Seekers

9:30 a.m. Sundays, Room 224

Open to all ages, singles and couples. This is a small, close-knit group that studies a broad range of contemporary Christian writings supplemented with Bible references. Class members share lesson leadership.

Contacts: Julie and Dave Kronbach; 630-369-0503 or jkronbach@comcast.net

College Group

7:00-9:00 p.m. every other Thursday in the Freeman Home

This group of young adults (ages 18-25) meets in the home of Josh and Christine Freeman for dinner, study and discussion.

Contacts: Josh and Christine Freeman, 630-416-8810 or ChristineFreeman76@gmail.com

Called To Be God's People

9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room

Class to be formed following Lenten small group study

Open to new members, new believers, and new Methodists. Following our Lenten small group study of *Catch a New Life: Connect with a Church*, join this class if you would like to explore key stories in the Bible centered on God's call in our lives.

Contact: Kathy Michaels, 630-579-8731 or kathie1121@hotmail.com

"Open Hearts and Minds at 11:00"

11:00 a.m. Sundays, Room 250

Open to all ages, couples and singles, this class focuses on the thought-provoking study "Living the Questions" and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

Contacts: Rev. Don Niswonger and Rev. Dr. Carol Findon; 630-355-1748

Stories of Grace

11:00 a.m. Sundays, Room 250

Open to all ages, couples and singles. This class follows book-based studies and has stimulating discussions.

Contact: Marlene Atkins; 630-544-6426 or mfatkins@hotmail.com

Lenten Study Small Groups

Beginning Ash Wednesday, we will launch our second all-church small group study. This year's book is *Catch a New Life: Connect with a Church*. Group meeting times and locations vary; be sure to check *Grace in Mission* each week for details regarding group formation, sign-up and book purchase. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in faith!

Confirmation Parents Class

9:30 a.m. Sundays, Fellowship Hall September-May

Open to all parents of current confirmation (8th grade) students. Topics include an overview of the Bible, church history, parenting issues and spiritual formation.

Contacts: Rev. Lisa Telomen and Gaye Lynn Loufek, 630-355-1748, or lisatelomen@peopleofgrace.org and rglbhl@aol.com

Monday Afternoon Sisters Group

1:00-2:15 p.m. Mondays, Room 254

This intergenerational group of women engages in spirited discussions of books and studies focusing on spiritual formation.

Contacts: Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748 or lisatelomen@peopleofgrace.org

Wednesday Night Sisters Group

7:00-9:00p.m. Wednesdays, Fireside Room

This group of women follows an in-depth Bible study that explores how the Bible applies to women's lives today.

Contact: Sandy Bray, 630-420-0923 or braysnap@att.net.

Wednesday Night Study Group

7:00-8:30 p.m. in members' homes

This diverse group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Contact: Judy Shotts Cornett, 630-983-1851 or shottsja@wowway.com

UMW Book Group

12:45 p.m., fourth Wednesday of the month in members' homes

Women of all ages are welcome to join this lively group of United Methodist Women for coffee and discussion of current books—fiction, non-fiction, biographical or historical. Members decide which books to read based on recommendations from a local bookstore.

Contact: Mary Abe, 630-355-1030

