

The Bethel Bible Series

Part 1 - Old Testament

Leader: Mark Edwards

The Bethel Bible series has been in existence well over 20 years. It is designed as a two-year program, separated into 4, ten-week sessions. Persons can join in at the beginning of each ten-week session. The units are separated into themes and historical periods in the Bible, that inter-relate both Old and New Testament scripture readings. It is designed to be a non-denominational bible study that examines various points of view of interpretation, and encourages discussion in small groups. The time commitment for this series is approximately three hours of preparation each week, followed by 1 1/2 hours of group study and discussion.

** Material

Course Fee \$35

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sun. | 5:30p.m. | C334 | Sept. 8 – Dec. 1 Jan. 12 – Mar. 16 |

Christian Believer

Leaders: Mark Barden, Leigh Kammerer, Linda Shull and Mary Katherine Vass

This course would be especially appealing for the person who likes the challenge of digging deep in reading and conversation. Christian Believer is a thirty-week study with daily preparation and a weekly two-hour small group session. This course integrates scripture and the study of the basic beliefs and doctrines of the Christian faith. By reviewing and explaining church doctrines, participants will have a stronger understanding of what Christ's church was, is, and should be to Christians. Students will understand more fully and talk more confidently about what we the church believe. At the end of this course one will be more closely attuned in voice, ear, eye, and heart to the language of the Christian faith.

**Materials

Course Fee \$40

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Tues. | 9:30a.m. | C238 | Sept. 17 - May 6 |
| Thurs. | 7:00p.m. | English's Home | Sept. 5 – Apr. 24 |

Christianity 101

Leader: Barbara Barden

Who is God? What is my relationship to God? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus come? What is salvation? Sin? Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the Church? What is heaven like? What does it mean to be a Christian? What is the kingdom of God? If these are questions you ask, whether aloud or silently, this group study is for you. This seven-week class will use Maxie Dunnam's book *This Is Christianity* as its basic text. The study offers a basic understanding of the Christian faith. Participants will find the book written in a style that is readable and easy to understand. In it and through lively group discussions during the 1½ hour weekly sessions you will find answers to your questions about Christianity.

**Material

Course Fee \$12

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Sun. | 6:30p.m. | C333 | Sept. 8 - Oct. 20 |

Companions in Christ: The Way of Forgiveness

Leaders: Sandy Hieronymous, Phyllis Marsh

The Way of Forgiveness, by Marjorie Thompson, uses scripture meditation as well as other spiritual practices to guide you through an eight-week exploration of the forgiven and forgiving life. These groups meet once a week for a two-hour session. Daily outside reading and reflection time is also an important part of the participant's commitment.

**Materials

Course Fee \$12

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Wed. | 1:00p.m. | C335 | Sept. 4 – Oct. 23 |
| Thurs. | 9:30a.m. | C335 | Sept. 5 – Oct. 24 |

The Disciple Bible Series

Disciple I- Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Leaders: Ed Cantey, DeWitt Carriker, David Dulin, Liz Hamrick, Amy Johnson, Barbara Lee, Randy Matz, Allan Maxwell Jr.

Disciple I invites persons to submit themselves to examination by scripture and invites persons to bring their experiences and struggles to Scripture. It gives Old and New Testament equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God. Groups move through the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem. Each session features a theme, theme word, theme verses, major persons and events to fix the sequence of the biblical story in the minds of the participants. Group discussion is based on careful daily readings and reflection on commentary and questions through 34 weeks of study. Participants commit to weekly two-hour group sessions and outside Bible reading and preparation of approximately 20-30 minutes each day.

**Materials

Course Fee \$40

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| Sun. | 8:45a.m. | Library | Sept. 8 – May 4 |
| Mon. | 6:45p.m. | C333 | Sept. 9 – May 5 |
| Mon. | 6:45p.m. | C334 | Sept. 9 – May 5 |
| Tues. | 6:45p.m. | C334 | Sept. 3 – May 13 |
| Wed. | 6:45p.m. | C335 | Sept. 4 – May 14 |
| Thurs. | 7:00p.m. | Home | Sept. 5 – May 15 |

Disciple II – Into The Word Into the World

Leaders: Janice Brady, Jerry Brady

Through this study, disciples learn to approach all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service. Emphasis is placed on the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the world individually and corporately. Equal attention is given to Old and New Testament with concentration on Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. The thirty-two week study goes deeper into these specific portions of scripture. Each week requires 2+ hours of study and a group session of two hours. Completion of a Disciple I class is a required prerequisite for this class.

**Materials

Course Fee \$40

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Wed. | 6:45p.m. | C333 | Sept. 4 – May 7 |

Disciple III – Remember Who You Are

Leaders: Charles Hite, Mary Nethercutt

The driving idea behind this study is the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. Participants in this program will understand the study of the Bible as a call to repentance, that is, to change directions and to turn life toward God's will. Study during the thirty-two weeks is divided between the prophets and Paul's letters with other scripture to establish historical context. Each week requires 2+ hours of study and a group session of two hours. (*Completion of a Disciple I class is a required prerequisite for this class.*)

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| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| Sun. | 6:30p.m. | C335 | Sept. 8 – May 11 |

Parables of Jesus

Leader: Debbie Wood, Kent Wood

This 9-week study provides new insights into nine of Jesus' most beloved parables, including The Good Samaritan, The House on the Rock, The Father and His Two Sons, The Mustard Seed and five others. Each 1 1/2 hour session includes study helps and questions. Kalas, the writer, presents the Bible in a simple and direct fashion that allows all to truly contemplate its deeper Truths. The course invites the participants to delve deeply into this ancient font of Jesus' teachings and to open themselves up to their transformative power.

**Materials

Course Fee \$12

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Mon. | 7:00p.m. | C335 | Sept. 9 – Nov. 18 |

Adult Discipleship Classes for 2002-2003
At a Glance

| <i>Class</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Start Date</i> | <i>Course Fee</i> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Sunday</i> | | | | |
| Disciple I | 8:45a.m. | Library | Sept. 8 | \$40 |
| Bethel Bible Series | 5:30p.m. | C334 | Sept. 8 | \$35 |
| Christianity 101 | 6:30p.m. | C333 | Sept. 8 | \$12 |
| Disciple III | 6:30p.m. | C335 | Sept. 8 | \$40 |
| <i>Monday</i> | | | | |
| Disciple I | 6:45p.m. | C333 | Sept. 9 | \$40 |
| Disciple I | 6:45p.m. | C334 | Sept. 9 | \$40 |
| Parables | 7:00p.m. | C335 | Sept. 9 | \$12 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | | | | |
| Christian Believer | 9:30a.m. | C238 | Sept. 17 | \$40 |
| Disciple I | 6:45p.m. | C334 | Sept. 3 | \$40 |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | | | | |
| Companions: Forgiveness | 1:00p.m. | C335 | Sept. 4 | \$12 |
| Disciple I | 6:45p.m. | C335 | Sept. 4 | \$40 |
| Disciple II | 7:00p.m. | C333 | Sept. 4 | \$40 |
| <i>Thursday</i> | | | | |
| Companions: Forgiveness | 9:30a.m. | C335 | Sept. 5 | \$12 |
| Christian Believer | 7:00p.m. | Home | Sept. 5 | \$40 |
| Disciple I | 7:00p.m. | Home | Sept. 5 | \$40 |

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Disciple III – Remember Who You Are

Leaders: shared by group members

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|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Wed. | 6:30 a.m. | C333 | Sept. 4 – May 7 |

Companions in Christ

Leader: Rev. Bill Roth

Companions in Christ is a twenty-eight-week, small-group journey that focuses on deepening your relationship with God. Through daily readings, reflection, and weekly two-hour group meetings, you will be guided in exploring prayer, scripture, vocation, and spiritual friendship as avenues to deepen your faith.

**Materials

Course Fee \$30

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|------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| Thurs. | 1:30 p.m. | C335 | Sept. 5 – Apr.10 |