

Equipping Classes - Spring 2010

Pre-Marriage / Newly Married

Marriage is a wonderful blessing! However, all too often, it can become a source of some of the deepest hurts and regrets in life. We want to see you reap all of the blessings God intended for us in marriage, and avoid some of the common pitfalls and hurts. In this class, you will be encouraged and challenged in your growing relationship with each other.

How should we live and work together in community?

This is a discussion oriented class which will look at the question above as we study Jesus' ministry and teachings on Community in the Gospel According to Matthew. The goal of the class discussions will be to apply the scriptures to our current lifestyles.

Freedom FROM Religion

What is different about this church compared to the church I came from? Why does this church not follow some of the traditions my old church did? Why are the services so different?

This class is for those brought up in the Catholic church, Lutheran church or any other religious denomination. We will discuss the customs, rules and guidelines that you may have been taught and then see what the Bible tells us about them. We will show how religion is man's attempt to reach God and how and why grace is God's perfect plan to reach man. This class is open to anyone who wants to learn the difference between relying on religion for their salvation or simply having faith in Jesus Christ.

We also want to help prepare you for issues/questions friends and family may bring up; so be sure to bring your questions!

Living by Faith

The Bible says that we are saved by grace through faith. But, now that I am saved, how should I live? Do we follow the ten commandments? Why do I still sin? How can I live the way God wants me to live?

There is a lot of confusion about these issues in the world today. Many say that we are saved by believing in Jesus and then making Him our Lord. They say we need to follow the commandments found in Scripture to be Christians.

In this class we will see what God has to say about these issues as we study Galatians. We want to know the truth so we can live holy lives, and so we can share the truth that brings freedom with others!

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Do you worry about your finances? Do you typically have more month left than money? Do you feel like you are just getting by? Do you want to know how you can stretch your money and achieve long range financial goals?

This class will teach you how to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family forever. We will do this in a fun classroom setting through a DVD lesson followed up by group discussions. Join us and learn what God and Grandma have to say about money.

Preview Class on 1/10 at 9:30. Regular class begins February 14th.

What is the Bible all about? (Jan—Mar)

Do you feel like you understand the gospel, but wonder what is up with all of that Old Testament books? What does Abraham have to do with today? Why does God seem so different in the Old Testament? What are the promises of God? What do they have to do with me?

This class will show how the scriptures are truly a unified message presenting how God has been working in the past, is working in the present, and will be working in the ages to come. We will see how the work of God centers around a few key promises He has made, and how the God-who-cannot-lie always, literally keeps His Word.

What is 'discipleship'? (Mar—May)

We often talk about being disciples of Christ, but what does that mean? What does being a disciple look like? We need to look at these questions so that we can truly be faithful disciples who hear, "Well done," when we finally go to be with Him, and so we can obey His command to make disciples!

Wednesday Evening:

You have heard... But I say...

People say Jesus was a good teacher... but what did He teach? Matthew contains more of the teachings of Jesus than any of the other gospels! We want to study these teachings so we can not only know what He taught, but how we should apply what He said to our lives! We will also learn the significance of the coming Kingdom of Heaven, and how Jesus' teachings concerning the kingdom effect us!

Grace and Truth

John presents Jesus as the bringer of Grace and Truth. It is specifically written that we might know Him, and who He truly is—the Word of God who came in flesh to save us from our sin!

As we study John, we will learn how precious His grace and truth are, and how we can share them with others.

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