

Fall 2007 Small Groups at Westminster

BIBLICAL STUDY:

Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

Cathi King facilitates. The group meets Wednesdays, 6:30–9 PM, at Westminster, beginning September 12 and continuing for 34 sessions. The book costs \$30.

Are you hungering for the Word of God? This small group will dig deep into the treasures of Scripture, reading and studying them thematically. In our 34 weeks together we cover approximately 70% of the Bible. This study focuses on the disciple as learner, believer, follower, proclaimer and servant while providing the fellowship of a small group for study, prayer, preparation, support and service.

THEOLOGY AND DISCIPLESHIP:

The Screwtape Letters

Group members share leadership. The group meets Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 PM, at Westminster, beginning September 19. The book costs \$12.

Reading this classic C. S. Lewis book together, this small group will explore the human condition and temptation. The story is creatively told in a series of letters between the devil and his nephew apprentice Wormwood, who is given the task of disrupting the Christian discipleship of a young man.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND BIBLICAL STUDY:

Issues of Community and Hospitality

Group members share leadership. The group meets Thursdays, 9:30–11 AM, in the Westminster fellowship hall lounge, beginning September 20. The book costs \$17.

Henri Nouwen states, “If there is a concept worth restoring to its original depth and evocative potential, it is the concept of hospitality.” And rediscovering this concept in Christian community is what this group will explore, drawing predominantly from the book *Making Room: Rediscovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* by Christine Pohl. We’ll refer also to excerpts from *Finding Our Way: Leadership for an Uncertain Time* by Margaret Wheatly.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND DISCIPLESHIP:

The Faith Club

Peter and Patty Quiroz facilitate. The group meets Sundays, 7–8:30 PM, at Westminster, beginning September 23. The book costs \$14.

This small group will read and discuss the book *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner. This is a “groundbreaking book about Americans searching for faith and mutual respect, weaving the story of three women, their three religions (Christianity, Judaism, Islam), and their urgent quest to understand each other. . . This book has spawned interfaith discussion groups in churches, temples, mosques, and other community settings.” Enjoy rich discussion and fellowship in this group.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND DISCIPLESHIP:

Bonhoeffer Today

John Ellis facilitates. The group meets Wednesdays, 7–8 PM, at Westminster, beginning September 19. The book costs \$6.

In this time of challenging moral decisions, this small group will study the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who was imprisoned and executed for his role in a plot to kill Hitler. We will read and meditate upon some of his eloquent letters from prison, as well as excerpts from his theological masterworks: *The Cost of Discipleship*, *Ethics* and *Life Together*. In addition, we will view and discuss the DVD *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Pacifist, Nazi Resister*. The group will focus on discussing how Bonhoeffer struggled with the urgent issues he faced and how he found sustenance in the Bible.

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