



ADULT SMALL GROUPS

MID-FALL and ADVENT

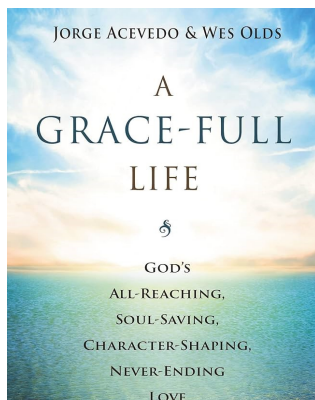
OPPORTUNITIES

TO GUIDE US INTO

THE WAY OF

JESUS

ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAY MORNING

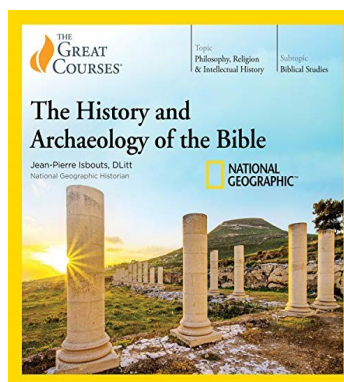


AGAPE PLUS

The word AGAPE means a selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love; the highest of the four types of love described in the Bible. This class welcomes you and encourages you to join them as they seek to understand and reflect the Agape that Jesus had for His Father and for His Followers through study, fellowship, and action.

They will be studying **A GRACE-FULL LIFE** by Jorge Acevedo and Wes Olds beginning on October 29, followed by the Advent Sunday Sermon Study Series, **PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD** by Adam Hamilton.

This mixed class would be delighted to have you join them at any time! They meet on Sundays from 9:30-10:25 AM in Rooms 302-303 on the upper level or via ZOOM. Please contact Marian Edmund-Paulson or the church office for the link to ZOOM.

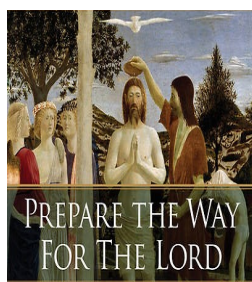


EXPLORATIONS

If you want to explore connections between the scriptures and the findings of historians and archaeologists, then this is the class for you! On October 29, this mixed class will begin a 24-week study entitled **THE HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE** by Jean-Pierre Isbouts to learn more about scripture in the light of archaeological evidence. This theologian of the Smithsonian Institute traces history and archeology of the Ancient Near East from the Book of Genesis through the New Testament. It is based on the recorded histories of writers such as Josehus and Philo and archaeological discoveries that support much of the biblical accounts.

They meet on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 AM in Room 202 on the main level of the church. Everyone is welcome to join this group either in person or by ZOOM. Please contact Realf Ottesen or the church office for the link to ZOOM.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK

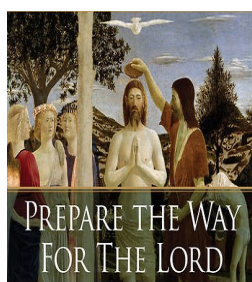


GOOD NEIGHBORS

This group is open to anyone who is looking for a group that meets during the day! They meet on Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM at the Masonic Village (2500 Grant Street in Bettendorf) in Villa 116. They will finish **QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED** by deVega and begin a new study on October 26. Please contact the leader for more information. Following that, they will be joining the Advent Sunday Sermon Study Series, **PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD** by Adam Hamilton. This group would be happy to have you join them! Contact Roberta Gimmy or the church office.

HANNAH CIRCLE

Hannah Circle is a socially oriented group of ladies that meets on the second Tuesday of the month for fun and fellowship over breakfast or lunch. They gather to share joys and concerns, catch up on the latest happenings, and share milestones with each other. All women are welcome to join them! Please contact Donna Stradt for the time and location.



LADIES ARM GROUP

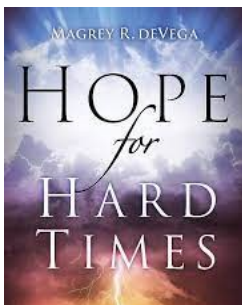
This Ladies ARM group is a caring and sharing group of women whose primary focus is to create an atmosphere where group members affirm and encourage one another. They meet every other Thursday from 7:00-9:00 PM via ZOOM. Because they are meeting every other week, they will finish **QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED** by Magrey deVega and then begin the Advent Sunday Sermon Study Series, **PEPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD** by Adam Hamilton beginning November 30. Please contact Sharon Phillips for the link to ZOOM. All women are welcome!

L.I.F.T. (LADIES IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER)

This Ladies Group welcomes all women! Meeting times and places vary depending on what they have planned. You may find more information on their various activities and studies on their LIFT Facebook page, in worship screen announcements, by contacting Marian Edmund-Paulson, Jenny Bloomquist, Julia Hensch or the church office.

RACHEL CIRCLE

The goal of Rachel Circle is to support and encourage each other in their Christian journey. Members rotate responsibilities as hostesses and plan programs that could include a speaker who presents information on a relevant topic. Because their mission is to form relationships with community agencies and assist them either with a monetary donation or with goods and services, a service project is completed each month. Anyone is welcome to drop in and join the group at any time. They meet at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of the month at the church in Upper Fellowship Hall and via ZOOM. Please contact Sue Gallagher for the link to ZOOM or for any other needed information.

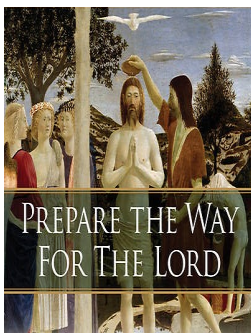


THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

This group really enjoyed the Sunday Sermon Study Series using **QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED** by deVega so they have decided to do another deVega study entitled **HOPE FOR HARD TIMES**. They meet on Thursday Evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM via ZOOM. They will not meet on Thanksgiving, so they will follow this study with the Advent Sunday Sermon Study Series, **PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD** by Adam Hamilton on Thursday, October 30. This mixed group would be delighted to have you join them! Please contact Chris or Vern Harvey or the Church office for the link to ZOOM.

ASBURY MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group meets at 8:00 AM on the second and fourth Saturday mornings at the church in Room 302-303 on the second level and via ZOOM. They will continue with **QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED** by Magrey deVega as they watch the video, have group discussion, study the Word and how it relates to everyday life as a Christian man. They enjoy one-on-one prayer partners, fun and fellowship and often participate in a variety of service projects. An "open chair" is always available, so they would be delighted to have any man join them. Contact Cliff Pim or Phil Paulson for more information or the link to ZOOM.



WINGS (WEDNESDAY INSPIRATIONAL NIGHT (OF) GROUP STUDY)

WINGS IS A GROUP THAT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE. They meet at the church in Room 302-303 on the upper level or via ZOOM on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 PM. After finishing the Sunday Sermon Study Series, **QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED** by Magrey deVega, their schedule will be as follows:

November 1 – Service Project, Zion Meal Site; November 8 – Carol Jackson our Parish Nurse will present information on CPR & use of the AED; November 15 – Social Event TBD; November 22 – No meeting (Enjoy Thanksgiving). Beginning November 29, they will be doing the Advent Sunday Sermon Study Series, **PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD** by Adam Hamilton. Please contact Jean Black or Heather Dennis for the link to ZOOM. Everyone is welcome!



Advent Sunday Sermon Study Series **PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD** by Adam Hamilton

When someone mentions Advent, what comes to mind? Is it a season of waiting and preparing for Christmas? Is it a time of stress and dread or is a time of hope and excitement?

Adam Hamilton states that “Advent is about preparing for and celebrating Christmas, but it’s also about knowing that Christ will one day return and living in such a way that we are found ready on that day. Doing so allows us to live as people of hope.....”

Pastor Tom will be preaching our Advent Sunday Sermon Study Series **PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD** by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton’s main emphasis is on the story and message of John the Baptist and the fact that he was preparing people for Jesus. John’s mission, like Advent’s mission, was to “prepare the way of the Lord.” No other figure in the Bible is more closely associated with this idea of preparation, of making people ready for the coming of Christ, than John the Baptist. The story of John the Baptist is found in all four Gospels and is so important because he calls all of us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

Hamilton introduces us to the Essenes, a group of people living in the desert preparing for the Messiah. (The Dead Sea Scrolls were found in that area.) He draws a contrast between the Essenes and the message that John the Baptist was preaching. People came from all over to see and hear John the Baptist. People from every walk of life—the soldiers, tax collectors, common people—the people who were turned away in that time, came to John the Baptist because they longed for God. John the Baptist talked about forgiveness and emphasized that the Messiah was in the world and was for EVERYONE.

Hamilton believes that is also true today and that all people need Jesus. He asks us how the church looks at those outside our church? Are we turning away or are we welcoming? Who are we inviting? How are we going to be John the Baptist to others and help prepare others to receive Jesus?

Hamilton also spends time talking about Baptism and the Holy Land. The Jordan River, where John was baptizing, is small, only 20-30 feet across. He talks about Jesus coming to be baptized and encourages us to remember our own baptismal service.

Typical of Hamilton, this book is an easy read. It is available without cost to you in either narthex. (Donations are always welcome). You are encouraged to take a flyer and decide which group you will join. Doing so will help you better prepare for Christmas and the coming of our Lord. It will also help you move forward on the Discipleship Pathway toward a deeper walk with Jesus so that you are living a life that is daily centered on God! If you have questions please contact Linda Manning or Pam Thornton.



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