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A PRACTICAL PLAN TO MAKE DISCIPLES

MAKING DISCIPLES IS WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO

MATTHEW 28:16–20 (ESV)

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Our Lord’s final instruction to His disciples, the one in which He emphatically vested His authority, is to *make disciples*. A disciple is a *learner*¹ / *apprentice*² of Jesus committed to following Him, being transformed by Him and serving Him in His mission. This, the great commission, is continually fulfilled whenever a functional disciple of Jesus disciples another person. The Apostle Paul expressed it to Timothy thus:

² TIMOTHY 2:1–2 (ESV)

¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

At Grace Community Church we are committed to *making disciples who make disciples* - this being the clear direction of the Apostle Paul to Timothy. We also affirm from experience that a loving, caring relationship with a more mature disciple of Jesus creates an extremely helpful atmosphere for spiritual growth. What follows are coaching tips and curriculum resources to aid you as you answer the Lord’s call to make disciples. There is no one right way to disciple therefore the guidelines and resources are general in nature; you will discover what “works” for you. The imperative, however, is that you teach, model and train those you disciple to love and follow Jesus in every aspect of their lives.

May the Lord give you great joy and ever increasing wisdom as you join Him in the great adventure of making disciples!

¹ “*Mathetes* means more in the NT than a mere pupil or learner. It is an adherent who accepts the instruction given to him and makes it his rule of conduct,”. Zodhiates, Spiros. *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*. Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000.

² “one who is learning by practical experience under skilled workers a trade, art, or calling”. *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2003.

A GUIDE TO DISCIPLING³

KEEP OUR GOALS IN MIND:

1. Make sure the disciple knows Christ and has assurance of salvation.
2. Help him/her become a better follower (disciple) of Jesus Christ.
3. Equip him/her to disciple someone else and think of himself/herself as a discipler.

WHAT'S A GOOD FORMAT?

1. **Begin with one or two** people who are eager to learn, and who can agree to meet regularly for a set time. As much as possible, be consistent in meeting and flexible in content, although you should use some kind of curriculum. Your first meeting could just be getting acquainted.
2. **Prepare carefully** for each lesson, then trust the Holy Spirit to help you see how fast or slowly you need to proceed. There is an art to keeping your momentum but going deep. Pray faithfully for your disciples as you prepare, and pray for yourself to be given wisdom.
3. **Pray together** every time you meet, and allow opportunity to see God at work through His answers. Encourage the disciples to bond with each other through prayer, as well as with you.
4. **Talk to them early on** about the people God will send them to disciple next. Remind them that when that time comes you will be around to help them with any questions they have.

HOW CAN I BE A GOOD DISCIPLER?

1. **Be a real disciple.** Obey Jesus fully. Spend time with Him.
2. **Be humble.** Don't hesitate to say, "I don't know—but I'll find out." And "I blew it; will you forgive me?" Share real prayer requests for real needs in your own life.
3. **Be consistent.** Don't cancel meetings or come unprepared. If you say you will pray for something, do so.
4. **Be loving.** Expect that there will come some demands on you to sacrifice for your disciples. This is the way God provides for you to demonstrate your love in a way they can believe.
5. **Learn from them.** They will all have something to contribute to your life. Look for it! Let them know how they have taught and blessed you.

WHAT ABOUT THESE PROBLEMS?

1. "My disciple keeps calling me to change our meeting times."
2. "My disciple doesn't do his/her homework."
3. "My disciple doesn't seem to be profiting from this nor opening up."

Try to discern whether these problems stem from legitimate inability, or from reluctance. It may be necessary to make adjustments based on the disciple's limitations, or, if reluctance is the cause, to stop meeting until

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they are more ready. If so, keep getting together periodically to see if they are being prepared by God to resume meeting.

IT TAKES A DISCIPLE WHO IS:

1. Faithful (if he/she quits showing up or quits doing the homework, back off)
2. Available (if he/she can't find a time to regularly meet, maybe he/she needs someone else to disciple them)

IT TAKES A RISK

1. You have to be open and vulnerable about your own struggles, but don't make this the main focus.
2. You have to probe, the tough question may be the key to a break-through (address the issues you know he/she is dealing with: sex, significance, spiritual leadership, integrity, bitterness).
3. Sometimes you have to say the hard thing he/she doesn't want to hear.

PRAY AT ALL TIMES

1. Set aside a few minutes each day when you pray for your disciple.
2. Promise him/her that you will pray for him/her every day for as long as you are together in discipleship.
3. Tell him/her often what requests you are praying for him/her.
4. Set aside time for prayer. Growing disciples need to hear mature Christians praying so that they can learn what to pray. Modeling this will teach them to pray expectantly in the will of God.

BEGIN WITH CLEAR EXPECTATIONS!

Make sure you are both in agreement that you will meet for a consistent and specific time. (Usually 90 minutes a week).

GIVE ASSIGNMENTS!

Disciples need to put their training to use so that they can see that they are making progress. Complacent disciples need greater challenges not less! Assignments will challenge true disciples and will identify the half-hearted and double-minded.

GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT!

Disciples sometimes lose heart because they cannot see progress. When you see them taking a courageous step forward, appreciate their growth. Even if they seem to be highly motivated, you know they are in a battle; **build them up!**

FIGURING OUT WHERE TO BEGIN AND WHAT TO DO

As we begin to disciple someone, we must realize that each person is in a different stage in their growth and has their own unique personality, thought processes and temperament. Therefore how we tailor each person's path to spiritual growth will vary.

However, there are five key areas that every growing disciple needs to be engaging in to become more like the Lord Jesus. Those five areas include: worshipping God both corporately and privately, equipping themselves and those in their sphere of influence, connecting with other believers, sharing the Gospel and their lives with unbelievers, and serving unconditionally. While these key areas are exhaustive in scope, how one goes about living these out will vary depending on where they are at in the spiritual growth process.

Following is a simple guide to assess what stage of the spiritual life your friend is in and resources you can use to help them grow to the next stage of spiritual maturity in Christ.

SPIRITUALLY DEAD

They are best characterized by *rebellion* and *unbelief*. They will often attack God and His Word as well as those that follow Him or they will simply be indifferent towards the Gospel message. Common phrases include:

*"I don't believe there is a God." / "The Bible is just a bunch of myths." / "Religion is a crutch."
"A God of love wouldn't send people to hell." / "I am a good person so if there is a God I am going to heaven." / "There are no absolutes."*

WHAT THEY NEED:

1. An explanation of the Gospel.
2. To see the Gospel lived out.
3. Answers to their questions about God, His Word, etc.
4. An invitation to receive Christ.

WHAT YOU COULD DO:

Worship God	Share the Gospel with them intentionally and prayerfully. Share the value of loving our God through Jesus.
Equip Self/Household	Share with them the necessity of the Lord being the centrality of their marriage, parenting, career, etc.
Connect with Believers	Purposefully plan for ways to get them around believers that will love on them and generate spiritual conversations with them. This is done by intentionally creating relational environments. (i.e.: Watching football games, hiking, coffee/tea gatherings, etc.)
Share with the Lost	N/A as they are lost.
Serve All	Model the blessing of serving as Christ served and use that to generate conversation as to why you serve.

SPIRITUAL INFANT

These may be those that think that they are a believer but are not, and could fall in the first category of spiritually dead. They are best characterized by *ignorance, confusion, and dependence*. Ignorance because they don't know much about the Word, confusion because they don't know how to apply it, and dependence because they are not yet ready to grow on their own. Common phrases include:

"I love Jesus but don't like or need the church." / "I didn't know the Bible said that." / "Don't all religions pretty much worship the same God." / "You mean even really nice people could be going to hell?"

WHAT THEY NEED:

1. The personal attention of a disciple-maker.
2. Care and protection from a disciple-maker.
3. Teaching and modeling from a disciple-maker.
4. Developing new habits that will become a lifestyle for them.

WHAT YOU COULD DO:

Worship God	<i>The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus</i> by John Cross <i>The New Christian's Handbook</i> by Max Anders <i>30 Days to Understanding the Bible</i> by Max Anders <i>Prayer, the Great Adventure</i> by David Jeremiah <i>The Treasure Principle</i> by Randy Alcorn
Equip Self/Household	<i>Defending Your Faith</i> by Max Anders
Connect with Believers	<i>Peacemaker</i> by Ken Sande
Share with the Lost	<i>Evangelism Training Course</i>
Serve All	<i>Find Your S.H.A.P.E</i>

SPIRITUAL CHILD

They are best characterized by *self-centeredness, idealism, and over/under confidence*. Common phrases include:

*"The church needs to feed me more." / "People at our church need to be more friendly to me."
"Why doesn't the church do more?"*

WHAT THEY NEED:

1. A connection to a small group.
2. Teaching on how to feed themselves spiritually.
3. Being taught about who they are in Christ.
4. Being taught what community amongst other believers should be characterized by.

WHAT YOU COULD DO:

Worship God	<i>By This Name</i> by John Cross <i>What You Need to Know About Salvation</i> by Max Anders <i>A Praying Life: Connecting with God</i> by Paul Miller <i>Know What You Believe</i> by Paul Little <i>Grace Giving</i> by Arnold Fruchtenbaum
Equip Self/Household	<i>The Case for Christ</i> by Lee Strobel <i>The Case for Faith</i> by Lee Strobel <i>Living By the Book</i> by Howard Hendricks
Connect with Believers	<i>I Am a Church Member</i> by Thom Rainer
Share with the Lost	<i>Evangelism Training Course</i>
Serve All	<i>Everybody Has a Place</i> by Phyllis Kline

SPIRITUAL ADULT

The key characteristic of the spiritual young adult is that of a *God-and-others-centered outlook*. They see that God has shaped them for a purpose and sacrifice in order to serve the Lord. Common phrases are:

“I know others who need a church/group like this.” / “In doing my devotions I came across...” / “Harry and Sally were missing this week, I am going to call them.”

WHAT THEY NEED:

1. Equipping to serve and lead.
2. An outlet for serving and leading.
3. Constant encouragement and accountability in where they are serving and leading.

WHAT YOU COULD DO:

Worship God	<i>Come and See Messianic Studies</i> by Arnold Fruchtenbaum <i>The Footsteps of the Messiah</i> by Arnold Fruchtenbaum <i>How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth</i> by Gordon Fee <i>Your Daily Walk</i> by Bruce Wilkinson
Equip Self/Household	<i>On Guard</i> by William Lane Craig <i>Know Why You Believe</i> by Paul Little <i>Kingdom Man/Woman</i> by Tony Evans <i>Crown Class & Financial Makeover</i> by Dave Ramsey
Connect with Believers	<i>Life Together</i> by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Share with the Lost	<i>Evangelism Training Course</i>

Serve All

Everybody Has a Place by Phyllis Kline**SPIRITUAL PARENT**

These are people who are *intentional* about growing themselves so that they can grow someone else who will in turn grow someone else. Common phrases from spiritual parents include:

“I am sharing Christ with Bill, pray for him and for me.” / “We get to baptize someone from our growth group today.” / “Would you please hold me accountable to discipling my kids.” / “Pray for Bill as I walk him through how to be a better husband.”

WHAT THEY NEED:

1. Ongoing relationships with other disciple-makers.
2. A church family – discipling people as part of a team.
3. Peer accountability and encouragement.

WHAT YOU COULD DO:

Worship God	<i>Systematic Theology: In One Volume</i> by Norman Geisler <i>The Footsteps of the Messiah</i> by Arnold Fruchtenbaum <i>Prayer and Fasting for Overcomers</i> by Colin McDougall
Equip Self/Household	<i>Reasonable Faith</i> by William Lane Craig <i>Sacred Marriage</i> by Gary Thomas <i>Inerrancy</i> by Norman Geisler Cathy Nelson’s study on Marital Conflict & Raising Kids.
Connect with Believers	<i>The Way of Agape</i> by Nancy Missler <i>How to Be Free From Bitterness</i> by Jim Wilson
Share with the Lost	<i>Evangelism Training Course</i>
Serve All	<i>Spiritual Gifts</i> by Arnold Fruchtenbaum

RESOURCES FOR DISCIPLE MAKERS

This list of resources is not exhaustive, but will continue to grow as we find additional resources or add classes to our teaching schedule. We believe these resources are good quality and very useful in teaching and training men and women to follow Christ. Prior to using a resource not listed, please submit a copy to the Elders for review and approval.

APOLOGETICS

Books

The Creation and Earth History Museum

The Creation and Earth History Museum remains dedicated to the biblical account of science and history. The facilities include a 10,000 sq. ft. showcase for a literal six-day creation and young earth, including a human anatomy exhibit, life-size tabernacle display, age of the earth cave and more. The museum is located at 10946 Woodside Avenue North, Santee, CA 92071

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel

Retracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, former Chicago Tribune legal editor Lee Strobel cross-examines a dozen experts with tough, point-blank questions in search of credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth was positively the Son of God.

The Case for a Creator by Lee Strobel

From evolutionary icons to the uniqueness of planet Earth, from irreducible complexity to the *kalam* cosmological argument, Lee Strobel gives full rein to his keen analytical mind in addressing these issues and more. Relying on transcriptions of his interviews with experts in the pertinent fields, he tells the incredible stories about the hard science behind what some have termed *creationism*.

The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel

Skeptics of Christianity are everywhere, boldly asking tough questions in order to disprove the faith. Whatever intellectual or emotional objections one has to the Christian faith are directly refuted by Strobel's honest and thorough discoveries.

What You Need To Know About Defending Your Faith by Max Anders

Would you be able to understand and respond to the most common attacks and objections to your faith? This book will help you articulate your faith and respond to objections.

On Guard by William Lane Craig

This book is filled with illustrations, sidebars, and memorizable steps to help Christians stand their ground and defend their faith with reason and precision. Dr. Craig offers four arguments for God's existence, defends the historicity of Jesus' personal claims and resurrection, addresses the problem of suffering, and shows why religious relativism doesn't work.

Reasonable Faith by William Lane Craig

Examining the broad topics of faith, man, God, creation and Christ, Craig elucidates biblical truths, logical proofs and critiques of other relevant writers. The end of each chapter lists citations and recommended resources for deeper study, contributing to this multi-faceted resource book that is deep in philosophical logic as well as the biblical truth to put it all into the proper context.

Classes

Apologetics I & II by R.C. Sproul – an online course.

The Truth Project

Discussion Topics

TBD

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Books

Resolving Everyday Conflict by Ken Sande

Experience the healing power of biblical peacemaking as you learn to apply scriptural principles to conflict in the world around you. It's practical guidance for resolving all types of conflict and hope for relationships you thought were unsalvageable.

Resolving Conflict Worksheet

(Available through the church office)

How to Be Free from Bitterness by Jim Wilson.

When bitterness takes root in our hearts, its effects are devastating. Forgiveness is the only cure for bitterness. Through sound, Scriptural teaching, Wilson shows us how to forgive and to be free from bitterness.

Classes

Peacemakers

Discussion Topics

Principles and process of conflict resolution.

Learning how to deal with anger & bitterness God's way.

Learning how, through the power of Jesus, to forgive and love.

Letting God show you how you contribute to conflict through pride, bitterness, rebellion or contentious spirit.

Learning not to lash out or withdraw.

DOCTRINE

Books

Come and See Discipleship Course from ariel.org.

This course is designed to provide a broad based overview of critical theological subjects. These studies lay a biblical foundation essential to the spiritual growth and maturity of the believer in Messiah Jesus to the end that he/she increasingly demonstrates with their life and witness the transforming power of The Living Word of God.

Know What You Believe by Paul Little

It is so very important for Christians to know what they believe in this day and age. In an time where truth is a victim, Paul E. Little presents Christian beliefs in a very approachable manner that can be enjoyed by Christians and non-Christians alike.

Know Why You Believe by Paul Little

Is there a God? Is Christian rational? Do Science and Scripture agree? *Know Why You Believe* examines the tough questions surrounding Christianity and helps you to be certain of your faith.

30 Days to Understanding What Christians Believe by Max Anders

Using memorable examples and down-to-earth language, Dr. Anders explains the ten major subjects of systematic theology: the Bible, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, angels, man, sin, salvation, the church, and future things.

Systematic Theology: In One Volume by Norman Geisler

Study with Geisler these essential truths: God's existence, truth's inevitability, divine revelation, Scripture's origin, biblical inspiration, God's attributes, sin, Christ, the assurance of heaven, church history, and end-times theories, is more accessible than ever!

Inerrancy by Norman Geisler

Believing that this doctrine is "an essential element of the authority of Scripture and a necessary ingredient for the health of the church of Christ," fourteen evangelical scholars have made a strong defense of it. Inerrancy is shown to be a doctrine of crucial importance to the church.

Classes	TBD
Discussion Topics	TBD

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Books

Liberated through Submission by P.B. Wilson

P.B. Wilson's exploration into this often misunderstood topic helps readers, both married and single, discover the surprising liberation that comes with submission.

Love & Respect by Emerson Eggerich.

Communication between a husband and wife is often frustrated because of the vastly different ways in which men and women perceive love. Women are wired to need unconditional love and men need to feel unconditionally respected. Revitalize the love in your marriage!

Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas

Chapter by chapter, discover how marriage works to develop Christlike character - forgiveness, love, respect, perseverance - in each of you. This book will enrich your marriage in unexpected ways.

Why Should I Change First? by Nancy Missler.

In this era of high divorce rates, it is exciting to know how God's love can heal even the most troubled relationships. Readers will learn how to revitalize their lives and relationships by allowing God's love to flow freely from their lives.

The Way of Agape by Nancy Missler.

The Way of Agape will provide you with a road map to understanding God's true and divine Love and the life-changing power that is found within in it. Only by letting God embrace you fully with His love can you in turn love the world.

Keeping Your Heart Free in Jesus by Cathy Nelson

(Available through the church office.)

Created to be His Helpmeet by Debi Pearl

Created to be His Help Meet mentors women on how to have a heavenly marriage. Men and women were created by God to play different roles in society. Each chapter provides instruction, examples, letters from women, and concludes with a "Time To Consider" section.

How to Be Free from Bitterness by Jim Wilson

When bitterness takes root in our hearts, its effects are devastating. Forgiveness is the only cure for bitterness. Through sound, Scriptural teaching, Wilson shows us how to forgive and to be free from bitterness.

Fight Fair: Winning at Conflict without Losing at Love by Tim & Joy Downs

When couples fight, words spoken in haste and poor behavior can cause major damage to the relationship. *Fight Fair!* teaches couples how to have healthy disagreements. It is a candid and realistic "rulebook" for married couples to ensure that their conflict is God-honoring and respectful of their partner.

How to Have a New Child by Friday by Kevin Leman

Family out of control? Thinking of calling Nanny 911? Try Dr. Leman's action plans instead! His straightforward advice offers doable day-by-day strategies to change your child's attitude, behavior, and character---and help you become the parent you've always wanted to be.

Seize the Moment, Not Your Teen by Bill Sanders

An outstanding resource for parents of teenagers that shares key strategies on how to build a strong and lasting relationship with their children.

Already Gone by Ken Ham

The next generation is calling it quits on the traditional church. And it's not just happening on the

nominal fringe; it's happening at the core of the faith! This powerful book reveals shocking trends and offers wisdom on how to win back our families, our churches, and our world!

The Father Connection by Josh McDowell

The Father Connection looks at ten parenting qualities inspired by the ultimate model of fatherhood. Embracing these Godly characteristics will make all the difference in a child, boosting self-esteem and sense of purpose, helping him or her to feel loved and secure.

Championship Fathering by Carey Casey

Drawing on his experience as chaplain of the Dallas Cowboys and other NFL teams, the CEO of the National Center for Fathering encourages you to follow his loving/coaching/modeling strategy so you can raise well-adjusted, confident kids.

Shepherding a Child's Heart by Ted Tripp

Many parenting books are based on hit-or-miss theories steeped in secular thinking. Grounded in the Bible's divine plan for parenting, this guide defines your goals as a parent and provides the Scriptural methods for accomplishing them.

What The Bible Says About Parenting by John MacArthur

Presenting the principles of biblical parenting with as much clarity as possible. John MacArthur, goes into depth on subjects such as 1) principles of communication, 2) effective methods to discipline wisely and 3) principles for identifying, changing, and developing habits in your children.

Classes

Weekend to Remember

Fathers-in-Training

Discussion Topics

Understanding authority.

Understanding submission.

Learning to agape.

Keeping one's heart free from bitterness.

Practicing forgiveness.

Loving, training & discipling children.

Learning to communicate.

Learning not to lash out or withdraw.

Faithfulness / commitment / leaving & cleaving.

PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY

Books

30 Days to Understanding the Bible by Max Anders

A 30-day study on what every Christian needs to know about the Bible! Introducing you to key characters, places, and events in chronological order, this user-friendly volume helps you "think your way through" Scripture and acquaint yourself with its core teachings in just 15 minutes a day.

Your Daily Walk by Bruce Wilkinson

With *Your Daily Walk* you can read through the entire Bible in only one year! You will be helped to think carefully about one theme from the day's reading and how it applies to your own life in the clamor and chaos of today's world.

Living By The Book by Howard G. & William D. Hendricks

How would you describe your personal Bible study? Mundane or motivational? Lackluster or lively? Redundant or reviving? Howard and Bill Hendricks offer a practical 3-step process that will help you master simple yet effective inductive methods of observation, interpretation, and application that will make all the difference in your time with God's Word!

***Unger's Bible Handbook* by Merrill Unger**

Looking for a reliable guide to the Bible? This easy-to-read edition features a complete commentary on the Bible; book introductions that include biblical history, geography, and archaeology; hundreds of color illustrations, photographs, maps, diagrams, and charts.

***Basics of Bible Interpretation* by Roy Zuck**

Bible interpretation is essential for each Christian's understanding and application of Scripture. Discover the challenges, problems, key terms, and history of interpretation—all in practical, down-to-earth language. Develop the skills you need to get the most out of your Bible study!

***Word Study Dictionary* by Spiro Zodhiates**

Here's your key to gaining access to God's Word in its original languages. The Old Testament volume features an English transliteration of each entry, concordance of occurrences, translational references, and more. The New Testament text provides each word's derivation; history and etymology; exegetical commentary; synonyms and antonyms; and an English word index.

***How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* by Gordon Fee**

Covering everything from translational concerns to different genres of biblical writing, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* is used worldwide. In clear, simple language, it helps you accurately understand the different parts of the Bible—their meaning for ancient audiences and their implications for you today—so you can uncover the inexhaustible worth that is in God's Word.

Classes***How To Study The Bible*****Discussion Topics**

Choosing a Bible translation and format (biblestudytools.com/Bible Study/Bible Study Tips/Choosing A Bible Translation)

Spending daily time in God's Word (*How to Have a Quiet Time with God* by Rick Warren)

Memorizing Scripture (Navigators Memorization Program)

Interpreting Scripture

The inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible

The reliability of the Bible

Evidences for the supernatural nature of the Bible

Reading through the entire Bible or through a book of the Bible

PRAYER**Books*****Prayer, the Great Adventure* by David Jeremiah**

With gentle, practical guidance, Dr. David Jeremiah shares his own story of learning to pray out of desperation, inspiring you to find the same urgency and intimacy in every stage of your glorious journey with God.

***A Praying Life: Connecting with God* by Paul Miller**

Miller offers a practical real-life approach to prayer for busy families! His honest down-to-earth advice shows you how to practice praying in the midst of daily routine. You'll learn to pray like a child, live your Father's story, understand unanswered petitions, and more.

***Prayer and Fasting for Overcomers* by Colin McDougall**

In this booklet Colin answers the top ten misunderstandings regarding prayer. In this edition, Colin also answers the most common questions regarding fasting for spiritual breakthrough.

(<http://www.colinandbecca.net/details/prayerAndFasting.html>)

***The Praying Leader* by Colin McDougall**

The first six chapters of Acts tell the story of ordinary Christians who are not great leaders, but who are empowered because they "devoted themselves to prayer." This booklet gives practical ideas for

missionaries, pastors and men and women of faith who desire to rededicate themselves to prayer, to join with other like-minded people and to lead small groups of partners to pray together effectively. (<http://www.colinandbecca.net/details/prayingLeader.html>)

Classes	TBD
Discussion Topics	How do we pray? For what should we pray?

SERVING - SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Books	<p><i>Spiritual Gifts</i> by Arnold Fruchtenbaum A spiritual gift is a God-given ability for service. Every believer has been given a spiritual gift for the purpose of ministering to the Church. This study defines the gifts, clarifies misunderstandings of the “charismatic” gifts and guides the reader in discovering the gifts they have been given. (Available through the church office.)</p> <p><i>I Am a Church Member</i> by Thom Rainer <i>I Am a Church Member</i> seeks to remedy the outbreak of inactive or barely committed church members. It addresses—without apology—what is expected of those who join a body of believers. When a person’s attitude is consistently biblical and healthy, matters of giving, serving, and so forth will fall into place more naturally and Rainer’s practical work unpacks what that should look like.</p> <p><i>Life Together</i> by Dietrich Bonhoeffer <i>Life Together</i> gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical, words. <i>Life Together</i> serves as bread to all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship.</p>
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Classes	TBD
Discussion Topics	Discovering one’s spiritual gifts. Serving according to one’s spiritual gifts. The Judgment Seat of Christ

STEWARDSHIP

Books	<p><i>Treasure Principle</i> by Randy Alcorn In <i>The Treasure Principle</i>, Randy Alcorn unearths a simple yet profound principle that will radically change your concept of stewardship. Short on guilt, Alcorn illuminates the liberating joy of giving and its impact, not only for today but for eternity as well.</p> <p><i>Grace Giving</i> by Arnold Fruchtenbaum In clear, concise form, Dr. Fruchtenbaum explains the principles of stewardship that are to guide our giving under the New Covenant. (Available through the church office.)</p>
Classes	<i>Crown Financial</i>
Discussion Topics	Discuss propensity to materialism. What is God’s view on the things we “have”.

Having an eternal perspective.

Tithing

THE GOSPEL & EVANGELISM

Books

The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus by John Cross

Here is a book that explains the greatest of Bible themes clearly and logically. The author chronologically binds together the entire text into one great universal drama, looking at events from the perspective of those who experienced history in the making.

By This Name by John Cross

By This Name introduces you to the main ideas and themes of the Bible. It'll show you how the Bible reveals truths about life, people and offers a hope that will not fail. Learn how this ancient book speaks to you and your life today.

What You Need to Know About Salvation by Max Anders

This book will fortify your confidence in the salvation you've received and help you experience more of its infinite riches. You'll thrill at the drama of redemption as it unfolds through Scripture: the glory of creation, the tragedy of sin and the Fall, the provision of salvation in Jesus Christ, and its application today through the Holy Spirit.

The Way of the Master by Ray Comfort

The Way of the Master will equip you to confidently lead anyone—friend, family member, coworker, neighbor, or stranger on the street—to a clear understanding of repentance and what it means to be a true and active follower of Jesus Christ.

Evangelism by the Book by Dr. Tom Stebbins

Designed for personal reading or group study. *Evangelism by the Book* will both motivate and equip you to become effective in evangelism and discipleship. A great look at the biblical mandate to train the saints for the work of evangelism.

Classes

Evangelism Training Course

Discussion Topics

What must I do to be saved?

Can I lose my salvation?

Now that I'm saved, what do I do?

How do I share the way of salvation with others?

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Books

The Wonderful, Spirit-filled Life by Charles Stanley

Discover the person and work of the Holy Spirit in your life! In *The Wonderful Spirit Filled Life*, Charles Stanley helps you recognize and begin to live with the guiding presence of the Spirit.

The New Christian's Handbook by Max Anders

A guide to the whats, whys, and hows of the Christian faith for new believers. Thirty-six, easy to follow chapters deepen your understanding of biblical doctrines, while helping you apply them to everyday life. Learn what God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit have done for the world and for you.

Kingdom Man by Tony Evans

Evans challenges and encourages men to rise up and be the kingdom men that God calls men to be. Using Psalm 128, he shares practical strategies of how to become a kingdom man in one's personal, family, church and community life.

Kingdom Woman by Tony Evans & Chrystal Evans Hurst

A Kingdom Woman always seeks to align herself and operate under the authority of God-in every area of life and that process can unleash new purpose, power, and possibilities-in both the lives of Kingdom Women and those they love. Women will be encouraged to embrace their role as leaders under God's authority, and challenged to live as true heirs under the covenant God has made with his children.

Renovation of the Heart by Dallas Willard

Why are many Christians struggling with sinful habits and failing to take on the character of Christ? Willard explains the process of change in human nature and reveals how the Master Carpenter can shape your mind, will, relationships, soul, and church into his image.

Classes

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Discussion Topics

The Holy Spirit is a person, not a feeling.
 Learning to abide in Jesus moment by moment.
 Identifying, taking captive and turning wrong thoughts around in Jesus.