

# Winter/Spring 2010 Discipleship Classes



## A. What's So Amazing About Grace

This is a ten week Bible study based on the award winning book by Philip Yancey. Each session includes a video presentation with small group discussion following. Yancey guides us into a clearer understanding of grace by using stories of both grace and “ungrace” at work in people’s lives. Consider, for example, why Christians sometimes find it difficult to forgive others, including other Christians who do not agree with them. The answer is ungrace: that state of being in which self-righteousness and pride are a result of thinking that we have somehow earned God’s approval and may now stand in judgment in his behalf.

Join this insightful exploration of grace, the most powerful force in the universe and our only hope for love and forgiveness.

**When:** 4:00 Wednesdays (Jan 27—April 14)

**Leader:** Ann Springer

**Materials:** Participant’s Guide (\$5), your Bible

**Participants:** Suitable for all Discipleship phases



## B. Get Acquainted With Jesus

Who is Jesus? What does the Bible say? What about the Church? Learn more about Jesus, the man and Savior, as we explore his life and teachings in a stimulating, interactive, and caring atmosphere. This eight week class uses a colorful text, art, music, and stimulating activities ideal for any one on their continuing faith journey who wants to ultimately answer the question “What do I believe about Jesus and how can He influence my life?” We will examine Jesus’ beginnings, ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, parables, and the people in His life.

The text for this eight week class is Get Acquainted with Jesus by Barbara Bruce and Larry Beman. Your Bible is your workbook. Class preparation during each week includes a brief weekly reading assignment, prayer time, and a “stepping forward in faith” homework assignment (you will like it—and so will the people you share it with!).

**When:** 6:45 Wednesdays (Jan 27—Mar 24)

**Leaders:** Lois Ball/Debbie Jordan

**Materials:** Book (\$8); your Bible

**Participants:** Recommended for Exploring and Beginning Disciples

## C. Becoming a Contagious Christian

This eight week video study based on the Bill Hybels book helps us to recognize our enthusiasm and passion about being Christians. We will identify our personality styles and learn that all we have to be is our authentic selves. As we behave in our own authentic ways (each of us with our differences)

we can more easily talk to new people. We can use our hobbies and interests to make connections with those with similar interests. Once we make a friendship connection in a comfortable way, we can then talk about our own personal Christian experience with contagious enthusiasm about why we are a believer. Then we invite our new friend to join us in our worship at our church. Or we may even invite our new friend to accept Jesus in their life and to come to church to learn more about being a Christian.

**When:** 6:45 Wednesdays, Jan 27—Mar 24

**Leaders:** Susan Schubert/Junior Jarrett

**Materials:** Participant’s Guide (\$8)

**Participants:** Recommended for Deepening Disciples

## D. Boundaries

Healthy relationships and sound living depend on maintaining effective personal boundaries. But many people don’t know where to start. Using the bestselling book by Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend as our text, this ten week class with interactive video-based sessions by the authors can help you make a life-changing difference. You will learn when to say “yes” and how to say “no.” This class can profoundly improve the quality of your relationships in every sphere of life—marriage, family, friendships, church, and the workplace. Reading and homework will be used to facilitate learning.

**When:** 6:45 Wednesdays, Jan 27—Apr 14

**Leader:** Linda Bilger

**Materials:** Book (\$12)

**Participants:** Recommended for Exploring and Beginning Disciples

## E. Growing in Christian Maturity

Our focus in this thirteen week class is on sanctification—growth in likeness to Christ. We will address the application of redemption which is a progressive work that continues throughout believers’ earthly lives. As we explore the stages of sanctification through biblical reference, we will also address the distinct roles in which God and man cooperate in this process. Finally, we explore sanctification as a progressive work of God and man that makes us free from sin and more like Christ in our active lives.

**When:** 6:45 Wednesdays, Jan 27—May 5

**Leader:** Pastor St. Clair Moore

**Materials:** Handouts provided as needed

**Participants:** Recommended for Deepening Disciples

## F. Experiencing God

God has used this book by Henry Blackaby to touch the lives of many, to enlarge the way they serve, and to enliven the way they think. The structure of the book is centered on what Blackaby calls the “Seven Realities of Experiencing God,” including that God is always at work around you, that He pursues a continuing love relationship with you, that God’s invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action, and that you come to know God by experience as you obey Him. Daily homework to be expected in this thirteen week class.

**When:** 6:45 Wednesdays, Jan 27—May 5

**Leader:** Debbie Salinger

**Materials:** Participant’s Guide (\$15)

**Participants:** For Deepening and Centering Disciples only