2019 WINTER Life Groups Detailed Information about our Groups

Wednesday Evening LIFE Groups (7:00pm)

LG WINTER 19w1 Part – 1 Psalm 23 (Pastor Dorrice Burns)

In this study by Jennifer Rothschild, gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. Explore the depths of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life.

LG WINTER 19w1 Part – 2 Elijah (Pastor Dorrice Burns)

If ever there were a Biblical character deeply connected with God, it was Elijah. Elijah's legendary faith grew stronger through the challenges God sent his way. While Elijah sometimes got discouraged, he didn't give up. He knew that even in the hard times, God was with him. He persevered. He prayed. He trusted even when tested.

LG WINTER 19w2 Experiencing God (Ken Hockensmith)

This classic study guides readers to experience a relationship with God through which they come to know and do His will by learning to recognize when He is speaking. It also helps them understand the importance of His timing.

LG WINTER 19w3 Part 1 – A Woman Overwhelmed LADIES GROUP (Angie Paul)

Hayley DiMarco walks us through the story of Mary, the mother of Jesus - a woman who knew what is was like to be overwhelmed. As we explore Mary's life from the news that she would give birth to God's Son to the day she witnessed his tragic death on the cross, we find ourselves on a journey from overwhelming joy to overwhelming sorrow and back again.

LG WINTER 19w3 Part 2 - Breathe LADIES GROUP (Angie Paul)

One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to cease from all the activities and just breathe. We are in bondage to busyness. We constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. By neglecting time for tranquility, serenity, and repose, we limit our Christlikeness and miss out on some of God's greatest gifts. In the Old Testament, Sabbath was given to the Israelites as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, then the concept of Sabbath will change your life.

Additional Days/Times/Locations LIFE Groups

LG FALL 19a1 The Sabbath HaYesod (Beverly Cottle) THURSDAYS-10:00AM@ MCOG

HaYesod: The Sabbath is a Bible study module composed of ten compelling lessons that explore the biblical Sabbath and its observance and implications for Messianic believers today. Lessons are taught from locations throughout the land of Israel, from a Sabbath keeping home, and from the studio setting of the First Fruits of Zion study hall (beit midrash).

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Sunday Morning LIFE Groups (9:15am)

<u>LGFALL19s1 Part - 1 The Battle (Stacey DeHaven)</u>

The battle of the ages is raging all around you. It is a spiritual conflict between the kingdom of God and Satan's forces of darkness; a war between good and evil. God is calling you to step up and take your place as His soldier in this epic battle. It's time to answer the call. Learn how to experience victory on the battlefields of life through the six-part Gateway series, The Battle: Rules of Engagement!

<u>LGFALL19s1 Part – 2 Earth's Last Empire (Stacey DeHaven)</u> What happens in and around Jerusalem in the future? What is the New World Order, and how does it affect each of us? Walk from Genesis through Revelation and find out what God's plans are for the just and the unjust...because judgment will come to us all. This sermon series includes the following titles: The Battle for Jerusalem, The New World Order: From Genesis to Earth's Last Empire, The Mysteries of God.

LGFALL19s2 Part - 1 Defiant Joy (Irene Calhoun)

In *Defiant Joy* you'll explore the truths in what Scripture says about joy and experience a weekly "Joy Lab" that will help propel you into a new daily practice into the art of encountering the abundance God intends for each of us when we know joy.

LGFALL19s2 Part - 2 Fight Back With Joy (Irene Calhoun)

Join Margaret Feinberg for this Bible study that will help you embrace a life that's richer and fuller than you've ever known before—a life radiant with joy. Learn to practice joy, defiant joy. Sooner or later, we find ourselves on the battlefield of life and struggle to know how to respond.

LGFALL19s3 Part – 1 Ephesians (Tim Fitzwater)

Although Ephesians is one of the New Testament's shortest books in terms of word count, it is perhaps the most applicable to today's culture. In addition to the divine beauty and power of Ephesians, this epistle also provides Paul's most direct address about the life of a disciple of Jesus. Paul conveyed his pastoral heart for the Ephesian believers by focusing on who they were in Christ. He addressed issues related to their new life, the community of believers, the pursuits of unity and holiness, and life's challenges

LGFALL19s3 Part – 2 The Call (Tim Fitzwater)

Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

LGFALL19s4 Part – 1 Restless (Jenny Attix)

In *Restless*, an 8-session, video-based small group Bible study, Bible study teacher and author Jennie Allen helps you discover a practical plan to identify the threads of your life and how to intentionally weave them together for God's glory and purposes. The *Restless Study Guide* offer in-depth Bible study, personal stories, and projects enabling the teaching to move off the page and into your life.

LGFALL19s4 Part – 2 Happy? (Jenny Attix)

All too often, happiness seems to be beyond our reach._How do we find lasting happiness in our lives? Maybe the answer isn't in our own lives at all. In this thoughtful, humorous, inspiring book, Matt Miofsky connects our deep desires with basic theology and unexpected biblical texts to redefine happiness and suggest a way forward in Christ.

LGFALL19s5 Marriage Workshop (Chip & Ruthie Basel)

Have you ever wondered if your spouse is your soul mate/true love? No one is born with a mastery of knowledge and skills to be a great spouse. Relationships are complex and require learning skills, character change, giving of yourself and many other things. This means the more one learns, changes, and becomes more skillful-the better their relationships will be. Therefore finding your true love means learning how to be a master at relating to your spouse. The goal of Shared Dreams Workshop is to learn how to value your spouse, talk nicely to each other even in conflict, and most importantly share each other's dreams and become a spouse that glorifies God.