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Before Amen!

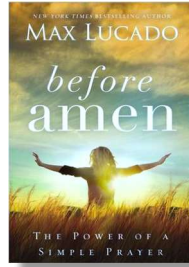
“The Power of a Simple Prayer”

PRAYER...

It's the most necessary and basic expression Of our faith, yet we often struggle to do it. Thankfully, we aren't the first followers of Jesus to struggle with prayer. Even His disciples did! And, it was in response to their questions, that He gave them, and us, a simple, beautiful example to follow.

Learn how to let go of uncertainties about prayer, trust that God hears you, and embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest.

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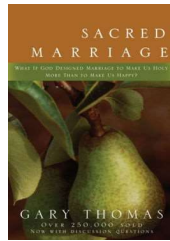
Sacred Marriage

“What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?”

Scores of books have been written that offer guidance for building the marriage of your dreams. Yet, what if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy . . . but holy? And, what if your relationship isn't simply about you and your spouse but about you and God? This class gives insights into how your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God and each other. You will learn how to:

- Turn marital struggles into spiritual and personal appreciation.
- Love your spouse with a stronger sense of purpose.
- Partner in the spiritual growth and character formation of your spouse.
- Transform a “tired” marriage into a relationship filled with awe and respect.

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Loving God! Loving Others! And doing something about it!

Fall 2017

Christian Growth Groups & Classes



A Psalm for All Seasons

Led by: Jim Wesner

September 17th – December 31

Sundays 9:30 am

Room: #203

The Psalms sit at the very center of the Bible as a window into life's joys, sorrows, blessings, and difficulties when seen through eyes of faith. We cannot read very far into them without getting a sense that the writers seems to have been reading our mail. How is it that even after centuries have passed we find men from different times and cultures expressing OUR innermost feelings, fears, and hopes? The answer is that we are not just reading words of men, but the Scriptures. These are divinely inspired words from God to us! Join us as we glean insights into faith's response to life's many seasons from this collection of poems and songs.



Exploring Christianity's 10 Toughest Questions

Led by: Matt Spengler

September 17th – December 31

Sundays

Room: #205

In this ten-session DVD Bible study, Lee Strobel hosts interviews and debates between knowledgeable and passionate experts discussing what they believe and why. This dynamic study dives into tough questions about the existence of God, Christianity and Islam, the reliability of the Bible, faith and science, and many others issues. Each session highlights leading Christian and non-Christian voices engaging in forceful but fair debate. Explore your own thoughts and opinions as you consider the viewpoints of others.



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Believing Jesus (Women's Bible Study)

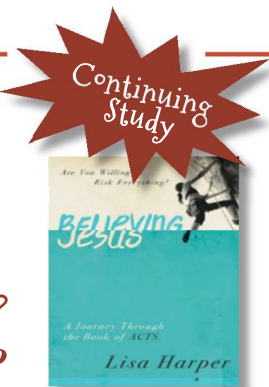
Led by: Joan Sergi
September 17th – October 15
Sundays 9:30 am
Room: #202

Are you truly willing to risk everything for God?

What does it mean to believe Jesus?

...Not just **believe** *in* Jesus, but actually **believe** what He said – AND, shape our lives around that truth? How would that affect the choices we make? The way we see the world?

Move from believing IN Jesus to BELIEVING JESUS!



Sermon on the Mount (Women's Bible Study)

Led by: Joan Sergi (DVD study by Jen Wilkin)
Sundays 9:30 am - **Starting October 29th**
Room: #202



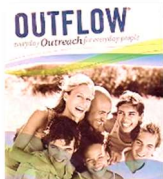
What does it mean to be a citizen of the kingdom of God? Come! Let us sit at the feet of Jesus, just as the early believers did, and learn straight from the Master Himself what it means to live as true Kingdom citizens. We will navigate His words just as they were originally heard: as one cohesive, well-ordered message, intended to challenge us to think & live differently.

Outflow

Led by: Pastor Rick Sergi
6:30 pm - October 1,8,15,22,19

Discover how to share Jesus - naturally!

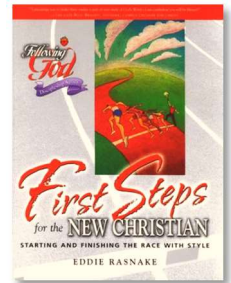
With *Outflow* there are no formulas and no sales techniques to master. It's God's love filling you with overflowing joy that spills from you to your family, friends, neighbors... & world. Begin to live life with an outward focus, as a lifestyle - a natural, everyday thing that is as normal as going to the grocery store.



The classes listed on this page meet on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm

First Steps for the New Christian

Led by: Mike Graf & Pastor Rick Sergi
Room: #204



When we begin a walk with God, we often have many questions about faith and how to grow spiritually, yet may be unsure where to start. Let this series be part of the answer! Group discussions and workbook-guided studies will help give you a solid foundation for living the Christian faith. The principles you encounter will help you walk and continue to grow in your faith until the Lord returns or calls you home.

Topics include:

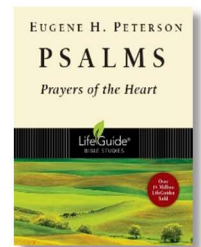
- What does it mean to be a Christian?
- What is spiritual growth and what does it mean for me?
- How should a Christian deal with sin?
- How important are Bible study, prayer, and devotions to the Christian walk? How can I use these in my own walk?



Psalms – Prayers of the Heart

Led by: Trent Stehr & Al Pense
Room: #205

How do we answer the God who speaks to us?



Just as we can look into a mirror to see how we appear, we can look into the Psalms to find out who we are. The mirror helps us prepare the face we present to the world; the Psalms help us prepare to present ourselves honestly unto God. They show us the shape of our souls and the realities deep within us. This class will help us see our true selves and how to respond to God in prayer and praise, even amidst uncertainty, fear, and anger.

