

**Pastor Thom's
Fall Sermon Series**
Based on the book by Trevor Hudson
Questions God Asks Us

God wants to have a conversational relationship with each one of us. By asking questions, he draws us into deeper sharing and intimacy. For 10 weeks, we will explore 10 questions God asks and go deeper into our personal faith. Join a Small Group to connect and grow closer to God.

Fall Gatherings

Be a part of this exciting fellowship event that will build community. Join with your neighbors, just like the Early Christians, in homes, eating together, and ministering to one another in the spirit of Christ-like love. During late September-Early October.

Outreach Opportunities

A component of each Small Group is to reach out in service to others. Here are some examples: Disaster Relief, Help for the Homeless, Habitat for Humanity, Volunteers with Children's Ministry, Tutoring at Branches (SFLUM), Dinner support for student organizations, etc. Using your hands together to do God's work....makes a difference.

New Groups Starting Later This Fall

Older Adults *Living Fully, Dying Well* by Ruben Job, planning for the later stages of your journey, led by Pat Superfine Rivera (assisted by Pastor Thom).

Married Couples Marriage enhancement, based on the book *The Seven Principles of Making Marriage Work* by Dr. John Gottman. Led by Charlotte Smiley, MS Ed. LMFT

What is a Small Group?

John Wesley, the father of the Methodist Movement, encouraged Small Group gatherings in the 1700s. Our present day Small Groups are modeled around what he called "class meetings." Spiritual Growth takes place when we learn from the scriptures and we listen to God's Word. Then we can model our lives after Christ and minister to others in His name.

Why join a Small Group?

Small Groups build relationships within the Christian community, deepen faith formation, and equip persons for ministry in daily life, as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Who can belong?

Everyone needs to belong. No one should be alone.

What happens in Small Groups?

Bible Study. Worship. Care. Nurturing. Outreach to Disciple Others. Service to the Church and to the Community. Fellowship. Prayer. Support for your life journey.

When do Small Groups Meet?

Usually weekly, throughout the year – in homes or at the church. Some even meet monthly. Find a time and place convenient for you.

Questions or Ideas? Contact:
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Fall 2010

SMALL GROUPS

Growing
spiritually
at the
Lighthouse



WOMEN

Koinonia Circle Study, Fellowship and Service for others, 3rd Mondays at 10:00am in Head Center -- Pat Brown & Judy Pruitt

Lunchtime Study of Prayer Tuesdays at 12:30 pm in HB #209 -- Janet English

Moms of Young Children Wednesdays at 5:00pm in HB # 209 -- Erin Ryan

***Women in Community** Wednesdays at 7:00pm in home -- Mary Susan Ward

***Beth Moore Book Study** Thursdays at 10:00am in HB #209 -- Alina Hernandez & Hazel Slaughter

Disciples Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00am in HB #206 -- Pat Brown

***Young Mothers** 2nd Saturday at 10:00am in home -- Allyson Humphries

MEN

Breakfast Club Wednesdays at 7:00am at Latin Americana Café (RedRd/8thSt.) -- Jonah Pruitt

Just Men Wednesdays at 6:30pm in HB #205

PRAYER GROUPS

Sunday Morning Prayer before the services at 7:30am in Pastor's office

Monthly Prayer Breakfast 2nd Wednesday at 7:30am in Library -- Bob & Bobbie Bryant

PARENTS

Parents of Teens Every other Sunday at 5:00 pm in Library -- Jocelyn & John Flynt

Moms of Young Children Wednesdays at 5:00 pm in HB #209 -- Erin Ryan

Young Marrieds Potluck dinner & devotional monthly on 2nd Thursdays at 7:00pm in Head Center (Babysitting by reservation) Ericka Witcher & Marshall Sampson

***Young Couples with Children** Quarterly dinner -- Rebecca and Jimmy Whited.

SINGLES

Young Singles and Newly Weds Bible Study at 12:15pm in Spares & Pairs (Narthex) -- Tainya Clarke & Geoff Kannan

Cornerstone Bible study for college students at 8:00pm Wednesdays in CB #220 -- Andrea and Fred Gibson

SENIORS

Fellowship/Field Trips/Lunch Thursdays at 10:00am in Head Center starting in October -- Dottie Drennan

WEEKLY STUDY GROUPS

Sundays

Searchers Discussion at 9:30am in HB #203, *Questions God Asks Us* -- Brother Milledge

Sojourners Disciples Bible Study at 9:30am in HB #205, *Jesus in the Gospels* -- Suzanne Rogers

Trinity Spiritual Growth at 9:30am in HB #207, *If God Already Knows, Why Pray?* by Douglas F. Kelly -- Chuck Stewart

Knowing Jesus Bible Study at 9:30am in HB #206, *Revelation* by Dr. Chuck Missler -- John & Jocelyn Flynt

***Young Couples** Spiritual Growth at 9:30am in HB #209 -- Maria Claudia & George Savage.

***Adult Book Discussion** 9:30am in Library, *When Christians Get It Wrong* by Adam Hamilton -- David Morison

Young Singles and Newly Weds Spiritual Growth at 12:15 pm in Spares & Pairs (Narthex) -- Tainya Clarke & Geoff Kannan

Roundtable Discussion of Pastor's Sermon over potluck lunch at 12:15pm in Head Center -- Jeff Brown.

***Disciples II Bible Study** A 32 week study at 12:15pm in Library -- David Morison

Parents of Teens Study every other week at 5:00pm in Library.-- John & Jocelyn Flynt

Tuesdays

Lunchtime Study of Prayer 12:30 pm in HB #209 (Bring a sandwich) -- Janet English

"B" Team Book Study at 7:30pm in home, *Questions God Asks Us* -- Kay & Frank Brezina

THE BEACON

Each week, look for the latest edition as you leave service - with discussion questions and scripture readings to talk about over the dinner table, or at a restaurant, in your Small Group, or over coffee. Keep Pastor's message alive all week....then apply it in your life. Let Christ's light shine all week!

*Indicates a New Group or Study

HB = Hanger Building CB = Children's Building

Wednesdays

Moms of Young Children 5:00pm in HB #209, *Questions God Asks Us* -- Erin Ryan

Just Men 6:30pm in HB #205

***Explorers** 6:30pm in Library, *Living the Questions* -- Dr. Margaret Cox

***Women in Community** 7:00pm in home starting September 15th, *Questions God Asks Us* -- Mary Susan Ward

***Adults Book Discussion** 6:30pm in HB #217, *Out Live Your Life* by Max Lucado -- Angela Kim & Jenn Linton

Adult Book Study 7:30 pm in home, *Questions God Asks Us* -- Liz & Ed Baker

Cornerstone College Students Bible Study at 8:00pm in CB #220 -- Fred & Angela Gibson

Thursdays

Disciples Bible Study 10:00am in HB #206, *Jesus in the Gospels* -- Pat Brown

***Beth Moore Study Group** 10:00am in HB #209, *Esther, It's Tough Being a Woman* -- Hazel Slaughter & Alina Hernandez

Silver Club for Seniors Program, Field Trips and Lunch at 10:00am in Head Center starting in October - Dottie Drennan

Fridays

English as a Second Language (ESL) 4:30 pm in Library -- Tomy Edwards

FUN FOR ALL

Conversational Spanish 3:00pm for Intermediates & 4:00pm for Beginners in Library, *Spanish Made Simple* by Jackson & Rubio -- Elsa Cortina

MONTHLY GROUPS

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