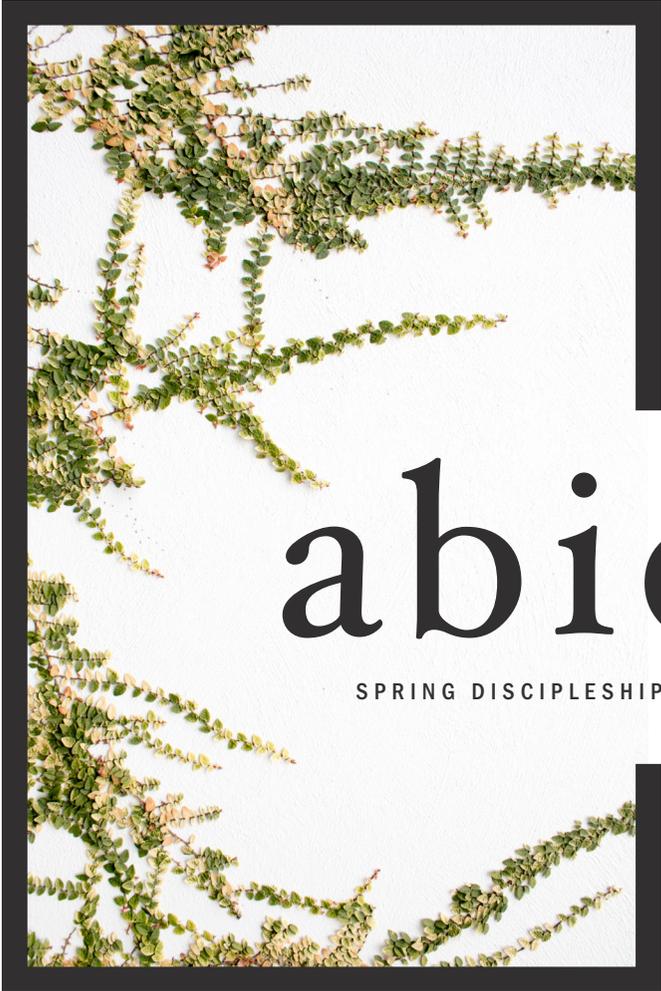


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SPRING DISCIPLESHIP + COMMUNITY CLASSES



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JOHN 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever abides in me and I in him,

he it is that bears much fruit, for apart
from me you can do nothing.

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what is discipleship?

Discipleship is following Jesus on purpose. It means taking his teaching seriously and ordering our lives around him. We obey what we know, learn what we don't, and walk together in relationship with other believers. When we do, God graciously shapes us to be more like Christ.

what does that look like?

Here at First Woodway, we believe we are formed and shaped as followers of Christ by abiding in Him, dwelling on His word, and loving one another. We want to equip you to do so through our men's, women's, and coed discipleship groups that will meet on Wednesday evenings (a few groups will meet at alternate times during the week). We hope that this booklet will help you find a group that will aid you in your spiritual walk and better connect you to this body of believers. We are so thrilled you are here!





TRACKS

01 WISE LIVING

Sometimes the next step in following Jesus is very practical in nature. Some may need to learn to better manage money. Others may need down to earth help on how to communicate with a spouse. This track is designed to practically equip you for wise living in various areas of life. Each class will focus on the “how” of a particular life skill with the goal of empowering you to live better on the other side of the class.

02 BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

Romans 12:2 tells us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. In part, this means learning to see and understand the world through the story of scripture. Classes will focus on acquainting you with particular books, passages, and themes with the goal of helping you understand the depths of God’s story so that He can change your mind.

03 **FAITHFUL LIVING**

Living in a culture that is out of sync with Christian values can be hard and at times bewildering. This track is focused on equipping you to live faithfully in that kind of space. Classes will focus on themes and practices for living faithfully as a follower of Christ with the goal of equipping you to better live out your faith in the world.

04 **SUPPORT AND CARE**

Sometimes life circumstances drive us to look for community with people like us. This track is designed to gather groups around particular challenges or life stages. Classes will aim to bring you into community with like-minded people and equip you with practical tools for living well in your life circumstances.

05 **COMMUNITY OFFERINGS**

Community Offerings gather church and surrounding community members around shared interests. The idea here is to form relationships while also developing a skill in community.



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CLASSES

01

WISE LIVING

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

led by Al Childs | open to all | wednesdays at 6 PM for 9 weeks

Financial Peace University is Dave Ramsey's #1 proven program that will show you how to master budgeting, pay off debt, build wealth, and give generously. Join the millions of people who have used this course to take control of their money!

Cost is \$69 activation fee. Register at www.fpu.com/1079743

MAKING SPACE: DOING WHAT MATTERS MOST

leader TBD | open to all | wednesdays at 6 PM for 8 weeks

Do you know what's most important in life? Do you feel too busy to make time for those things? This study will help you identify what matters most to God and to you as a follower of Christ. Then you will learn to apply godly wisdom that will help you incorporate these activities into your busy life. Topics include: money and work, rest, word and prayer, heart, friendship, parenting and family, and hospitality.

Cost is \$15 for the book.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION: FUTURE PROPHECY, CH. 4-11

led by Ted Foley | open to all | wednesdays at 6 PM for 10 weeks

The Book of Revelation has been described as the most revered, the most misunderstood, and the most neglected of New Testament writings. Some Christians think of it as being too difficult to seriously study, and nothing could be further from reality and the truth. Such short-sightedness deprives believers of the blessings the Book promises to those who diligently read and study it. Revelation is a showcase of our Lord and Savior and its true purpose is to reveal truth, not to obscure it, and that single fact is evident in its title.

There is no cost for this class.

THE BOOK OF RUTH

led by Laura Lalani | women only | wednesdays at 6 PM for 8 weeks

God can seem distant when dreams fade, people die, or careers fail. It may feel like He slammed the door in your face and walked out for good. No one knows the feeling of abandonment more than Ruth and

Naomi. Their story begins with the worst—death, famine, and poverty. And God remains silent. But the book of Ruth doesn't end with despair. The story brims with hope because God works on behalf of these women in ways they least expect, showing how God moves behind the scenes in our lives. On the surface, this book tells the story of two widows and a kind landowner. Even more, it teaches us about God's faithfulness, love, and providence. In this 8-session Bible Study, walk the journey of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz and discover the devoted love of God and His transformative power in our lives.

There is no cost for this class.

DANIEL: LIVES OF INTEGRITY, WORDS OF PROPHECY

led by Jan Gilbert | women only | Mondays at 9 AM for 12 weeks

Join Beth Moore in a faith-building study of prophecy, and learn how to shine for Christ in our modern culture. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith, lived in a hostile culture, and confronted temptations and threats, today's believers face many of the same trials.

Class begins January 14. The cost is \$20.

HOLY AMBITION: A STUDY OF NEHEMIAH, PART 2

led by Melodie Robison | women only | wednesdays 6 PM ; 8 weeks

Join us for an in-depth study of the book of Nehemiah taken from the sermon series of Tony Merida, pastor of Imago Dei Church in Raleigh, NC. Additional reading and study questions created for women's study (with permission) by Melodie Robison. Though Part 1 of the study took place last fall, newcomers are welcome to join us for Part 2!

The cost is \$10 for the book (No added cost if you bought the book last semester).

MOSES

led by Mike Smith | open to all | wednesdays at 6 PM for 6 weeks

Come follow Moses' journey from endangered child to wanted criminal to deliverer of God's people. This study will walk through the first chapters of Exodus to (1) acquaint students with Moses' story and (2) apply his story to our own. This class begins in March as several other studies come to a close. So, if you find yourself needing a new Wednesday night class, this is the place to be!

Class begins March 20. There is no cost for this class.



THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE

led by Mike Smith | open to all | wednesdays 6 PM; 8 weeks

Join us as we discover the great story of scripture from Genesis to Revelation! This study will help you understand the major movements in God's story of redemption. Expect to better understand how your own story intersects with God's and to have a firm grasp of how the books of the Bible fit together when this study concludes.

There is no cost for the class.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...”

03

FAITHFUL LIVING

CONQUER SERIES

led by George Staples | men only | sundays at 6:30 PM for 10 weeks

Real men across the country are rising up to become more than conquerors through Christ. This 10-week discipleship curriculum provides insights from top Christian leaders who lay out biblical strategies and scientific facts to teach men how to use God's weapons to become conquerors over pornography and find freedom. It's all about heart transformation.

Class begins February 10. The cost is \$20 for the books.

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY

led by Angie Evilia | open to all | wednesdays at 6 PM for 8 weeks

For those desiring to take steps in their Christian life and discipleship, to break free from bondage to the past and experience healing, this study is for you. Emotional Healthy Spirituality is an eight-session, video-based Bible study on the integration of emotional health and contemplative spirituality. Many sincere followers of Christ, followers

who are really passionate for God, join a church, participate weekly in a small group, serve with their gifts, and who are considered “mature,” remain stuck at a level of spiritual immaturity—especially when faced with interpersonal conflicts and crises. The Emotionally Healthy Spirituality video study offers a strategy for discipleship that addresses this void, giving you powerful pathways to transformation that will help you mature into a faith filled with authenticity and a profound love for God.

The cost is \$15 for the book.

EVERY MAN'S BATTLE

led by George Staples | men only | wednesdays at 6 PM ; 8 weeks

From movies and television to print media and the internet, men are constantly faced with the assault of sensual images. It is impossible to avoid such temptations, but thankfully, not impossible to confront them and gain victory over them! This study shares the stories of dozens who have escaped the trap of sexual immorality and presents a practical plan for any man who desires sexual integrity or any dad who wants to understand the subject better to guide his son toward sexual integrity.

The cost is \$10 for the book.

ORGANIC OUTREACH

led by Terry Graham | open to all | wednesdays 6 PM for 12 weeks

Every follower of Jesus has a sincere desire to share God's love with others. We want to tell friends and family about who Jesus is, what he means to us, and all he has done for us. Deep in our hearts, we have a burning passion to pass on the good news we have received. But where do we start? This study will help you shape a personal approach to passing on the good news of Jesus in natural ways. This is not a system or a program. It's a collection of biblical practices you can incorporate into your life starting today. You can begin right where God has placed you. You can share the love and message of Jesus in a way that fits exactly how God has wired you. In this practical study, pastor and author Kevin Harney offers the tools needed to reach out with God's love in organic ways.

The cost is \$15 for the book

TEACH US TO PRAY

led by Wes Wellborn | open to all | wednesdays at 6 PM for 10 weeks

Ever want to pray, but you're not quite sure where to start? If so, you're in good company! In Matthew 6, Jesus' disciples asked him to teach

them to pray. Join us as we explore Jesus' answer to this request – what has come to be known as the Model Prayer. Learn to pray by studying the words of Jesus himself and deepen your walk as you do.

There is no cost for this class.

“...so that Christ may *dwell in your hearts* through faith - that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

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CARE + SUPPORT

COFFEE + CONVERSATION

various leaders | women only | wednesdays at 6 PM for 14 weeks

Does Wednesday Night Discipleship feel like just one more thing you'd be adding to your calendar? Do you feel like you just don't have the bandwidth for one more thing? If so, join us for this low key gathering that will include short devotionals (5-10 minutes) followed by fellowship. No homework. No expectations. Just come!

There is no cost for this class.

THE DWELLING

led by Vicki Lassiter | women only | mondays at 9 AM for 12 weeks

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times..." While Charles Dickens wasn't referring to the first few years of motherhood, he certainly could have been! The Dwelling is a place for Moms to gather

to study God's Word; make application in their lives, especially as young Moms; and experience the support and encouragement of others going through the same experiences.

Begins January 14. There is no cost for this class.

GRIEFSHARE

led by Bob Harr | open to all | wednesdays at 6 PM; 12 weeks

If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

The cost is \$15 for the book.

05

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS

BRINGING INTO THE LIGHT (SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES FOR SMALL BUSINESS)

various leaders | open to all | wednesdays at 6 PM for 8 weeks

First Woodway Baptist Church in cooperation with Baylor University's Center for Entrepreneurship is offering an 8-week class for small business owners to learn best practices that can help their businesses become more successful. Each week, local, successful business owners will utilize Baylor-developed entrepreneurship course content while also sharing their own experience, knowledge, and personal insight from a real-world, biblical perspective. Come be involved in an interactive format that will cover topics such as personal vision, people and management, sales and marketing, effective stewardship, managing the financial aspects of your business, exploring exit strategies and more.

The cost is \$40 and includes all course materials, a one-year subscription to QuickBooks, a LiftFund loan evaluation, and a meal at each weekly session. Childcare is also available.

CHRISTIAN WRITERS WORKSHOP

led by Reita Hawthorne | open to all | wednesdays at 6 PM for 11 weeks

Christian Writers Workshop is dedicated to bringing you great speakers from the front lines of today's writer's market. They come fully prepared to discuss writing techniques, style, what editors want, and how to communicate a Christian worldview in today's marketplace. During the eleven Wednesday evening sessions of 2019, you will hear award-winning authors and speakers sharing their secrets to writing the winning poem, novel, memoir, or article. Speaker sessions begin at 6:00 pm and conclude at 7:00 pm; however, discussion and editing groups may continue afterwards. Be sure to take advantage of all the wonderful resources CWW 2019 offers!

There is no cost for this class.

CHRISTIAN WRITERS WORKSHOP KICKOFF

with Jonathan Pitts | Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 9:00 am

Cost: Adults \$20, Students \$5

Location: The Venue at First Woodway Baptist Church

JOHN 15:9

As the Father has loved me, so
have I loved you. *Abide in my love.*



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