



# CORE

CHRISTIAN LIVING • ORTHODOXY • REACH • EXPOSITION

**CHRISTIAN LIVING:** *Topically driven classes offering Biblical insight and practical help for living out the Christian life.*

## SERMON DISCUSSION

Fresh from hearing the **sermon** from the early morning worship service, this learning community digs deeper into the truths presented in Scripture with an eye towards **applying these truths in everyday life**, especially as it relates to living in a post-Christian world.

**FORMAT:** Facilitated discussion using a prepared sermon discussion guide.

**LEADERS:** Brian & Lyn Nash

**ROOM:** Discipleship Wing #204

## WHEN I DON'T DESIRE GOD

Psalms 16:11 says "You make known to me the path of life. **In Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**" We all want to experience liberating, love-producing, risk-taking satisfaction in God. But the reality is that we often struggle to find, and hold onto true and lasting joy. **How do we approach God when we feel so distant from this joy?** Using John Piper's book **When I Don't Desire God**, we will explore this question and more as **we seek joy in God together!**

**FORMAT:** Teaching with facilitated discussion

**LEADERS:** Sherry Day and Lori Flowers

**ROOM:** 201

**ORTHODOXY:** *Topically driven classes that lay out the foundations of sound, Biblical, Reformed doctrine winsomely.*

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

Using R. C. Sproul's book, **What We Believe**, we will examine the **Apostle's Creed** as the confessional foundation of Christian belief. We will unpack what it means to believe in God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. We will explore how these **uncompromising truths transform the believer's life**. Additionally, we will explore how the creed impacts the **liturgical practices of worship** and captivates our minds and hearts.

**FORMAT:** Teaching with facilitated discussion.

**LEADERS:** Eric Vess, Carey Roberts, Thom Provenzola

**ROOM:** The Chapel

**REACH:** *Topically driven classes that prepare us to reach our community, city and world with the compelling love of God.*

## THE ECONOMICS OF NEIGHBORLY LOVE

The Good Samaritan Parable provides a shocking illustration of what it means to love our neighbor. The Samaritan man showed **deep compassion** to a hurting Israelite by **crossing cultural barriers** and using his **capacity to care** for the Jewish person's physical needs. This class will explore how we can use our **economic capacity** through our **daily work to compassionately love neighbors** near and far. Using Tom Nelson's book **The Economics of Neighborly Love**, we will explore how we can **reflect this neighborly love** to neighbors in Lynchburg and the world.

**FORMAT:** Teaching with facilitated discussion.

**LEADERS:** Pastor Mike Palombo & Norman Darden

**ROOM:** Discipleship Wing #205

**EXPOSITION:** *Textually driven classes covering books or themes of the Bible aimed at understanding "the" story of the Bible.*

## Gospel of John/Trinity Part II

John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." This Sunday school will discuss the **Gospel of John with emphasis on the Trinity**. Weekly classes will proceed by chapter with interspersed discussions of the Nicene Creed, Athanasius, Augustine, Calvin, Barth and other contributions to our understanding of the Trinity. Discussion by class participants is highly encouraged. Supporting books include but not limited to RC Sproul **John - St Andrews Expository Commentary** and Robert Letham's **The Holy Trinity**.

**FORMAT:** Teaching with facilitated discussion and prayer.

**LEADERS:** Laura Meredith & Doug Lane

**ROOM:** Discipleship Wing #202

## Ezekiel

To many of us **Ezekiel** is a stranger from a distant time and land. Who is the prophet who, on his 30th birthday had a **dazzling vision of God** on a wheeled throne? Who is this man who engaged in outlandish street theater and speaks for God on international affairs? How is this man who paints murals of both **apocalyptic doom** and a **restored temple bursting with emblems of paradise**? Let's explore this exciting book together and **learn more about this prophet and the glory of the Lord!**

**FORMAT:** Teaching with facilitated discussion and prayer.

**LEADERS:** Rodney and Jan Suddith

**ROOM:** Discipleship Wing #206

## A Year in Luke Part III

Come join the John Knox Bible study class as we spend 2018 going through Luke. We'll be going slow so we can mine the riches of this gospel, **digging deep into the life of Christ and His teachings** in order to facilitate our growth in His Word. Hope to see you there!

**FORMAT:** Teaching with facilitated discussion.

**LEADERS:** Bruce Bell, Jesse Wasserman, Chris Smith, Phyllis Workman, Pierre Guillermin, Thom Provenzola

**ROOM:** John Knox Room

## LIFE STAGE CLASSES

**COLLEGE CLASS** (*undergraduate students and college age individuals*)

**LEADERS:** Matt Bradner and Campus Outreach Staff

**ROOM:** Rivermont A

**HOMEBUILDERS** (*married couples with a child in Middle School*)

**LEADERS:** Bert & Christy Murphy, Chuck & Sonya Shaughnessy, Michael & Heather Hall

**ROOM:** Fellowship Hall

## September 2 - November 25

### **Infants** (*Lower Level Room #101*)

Led by Brenda Hooten and Volunteers

### **1 Year Olds** (*Lower Level Room #102*)

Led by Kathy Pickard and Volunteers

### **2 Year Olds** (*Lower Level Room #109*)

Led by Nursery Staff and Volunteers

### **3 Year Olds** (*Lower Level Room #105*)

Led by Jerusha Caldwell and Nursery Staff

### **Pre-K/Kindergarten** (*Lower Level #114*)

Led by Pat Hylton, Tasha Yeoman, & Ben Hoisington

### **1st Grade** (*Third Floor Room #301*)

Led by Team 1: Erick and Cassie Peterson & Team 2: Julius and Sara Thomas

### **2nd Grade** (*Third Floor Room #302*)

Led by Team 1: Sacha Layman & Amanda Taylor & Team 2: Jim and Beverly McCloskey

### **3rd Grade** (*Third Floor Room #308*)

Led by Robin Hancock & Dawn Martin

### **4th Grade** (*Third Floor Room #304*)

Led by Marilyn Kirshberger, Jean Driscoll, & Laurianne Dent



#### **TOPIC:** *How Majestic is Your Name*

The names of God in the Bible are a reflection of His character, which is so glorious that He cannot be described by a single name. By following the biblical progression of the many names used for God, students will be presented with glorious truths about God and will be encouraged to see and rejoice in His goodness and greatness.

#### **5th & 6th Grade** (*Room #207*)

Led by Ryan Webb, Sue Chalfant, and Treasa Plude

## September 2 - December 23

### **7th Grade** (*Youth House Room #320*)

Led by Pastor David Weber & Brad Weaver

#### **TOPIC:** *Basic Christian Beliefs*

Students will examine and study the essentials of Christian theology and in doing so will learn about the characteristics of God, being created in the image of God, what God has done for us in Christ, the purpose of the church, and much more.

### **8th Grade** (*Youth House Room #321*)

Led by Jen Watson, Julie Neiderer, and Eleanor Webb

#### **TOPIC:** *How To Study The Bible*

What does spending time with God look like? Where do we begin when we want to read the Bible? This class will help student answer those questions and more. Students will be provided with practical tips on how to study the Bible and benefit from time with our Creator.

### **9th & 10th Grade** (*Youth House Room #324*)

Led by Moose and Carrie Pierce, Vance Pickard, and Steve Mullen

#### **TOPIC:** *Survey of Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians*

These three Pauline epistles are rich with theology and practical wisdom for living out the Christian faith. Students will spend time in each of these three letters to help them grow in faith and walk closer with our Lord.

### **11th & 12th Grade** (*Youth House Room #322*)

Led by Pastor Shane and Laura Whelan

#### **TOPIC:** *Order of Salvation*

At times salvation can seem random, why do some people believe and others don't? This class will examine the order of salvation and who does what in salvation. By studying the order of salvation, students will see that salvation is part of our sovereign God's plan, and is a reflection of His goodness and grace towards His people.