

Becoming a Community, Reaching a Community, With Christ's Truth and Love

But how do we become a community?

Many of us already have lives filled with career, family, friends, volunteer work, and so on, not to mention special events, and seasonal celebrations! It's hard to even find the time, let alone set it aside, to develop community.

Yet we're doing it! We are invested in building community at BEP, in Christ's truth and love, through the power of His Spirit, the study of His word, and serving Him together in the Women's Bible Study. Our goals are to:

1. Increase in love for God, for each other, and for our community
2. Grow spiritually through prayer, Bible study, and service
3. Learn scriptural truths and live them out
4. Teach the Bible and spiritual truth to children
5. Develop leadership abilities

Train the Leaders of Today...And Tomorrow

Among the most important work we have as believers is to raise up the next generation. These are the leaders of tomorrow. Today they are in our care. Tomorrow we will be in their care. It may not feel urgent, but it is of the utmost importance to invest deeply in their lives, and to equip them to lead in an increasingly hostile world.

Study, Share, Serve, Support, Pray

We study the Bible so women and children will know God, grow in their passion to serve God, and foster an environment where Biblical community can thrive.



Adult Program

1. Foster personal Bible study, and corporate sharing of our "lives in Christ"
2. Provide opportunities to serve the Lord, and each other
3. Strengthen spiritual relationships through shepherding and prayer, as well as Bible study

Children's Program

1. Teach the Bible to children, from infant through Home School ages
2. Develop godly character
3. Give opportunities for children and students to contribute their 'portion' to the class
4. Give training in good parenting and sharing the Lord and His word with children

BEP Women's Bible Study



Our desire is to experience community by strengthening relationships between us and the Lord, and between each other; investing in each other, and "one-anothering" each other as a church family, adults and children, as well as serving each other in practical ways.

BEP Women's Bible Study

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Mark and Peter

The Gospel of Mark, the early church fathers agreed, was largely a memoir of Simon Peter's eyewitness account as a disciple of Jesus. Peter calls Mark, "my son" giving a glimpse of their close relationship. (1 Peter 5:13)

Mark's Gospel presents Christ as the Servant who Rules, and paints a picture of the most human Jesus of all the Gospels. Mark gives a vivid portrayal of Jesus' emotional life, surely the influence of His highly emotional best friend, Simon Peter. We will see how being discipled by Jesus transformed this impetuous fisherman into a foundational leader and mature shepherd of the early church.

Peter's Letters

In the final third of the study we'll shift to Peter's two epistles, where he first writes to Christians' suffering as they follow Christ in the world; then, in a second letter, he warns of the danger of false teachers within the fledgling church—important words for the Church today.

Come join us in September to go back in time and discover the Jesus Peter knew, his closest friend, and his Savior.

Mark and Peter
Wednesdays, 10-11:30am
Location: Broadneck EP Church, Hanecke Chapel
Adult Program
Bible Teachers:
Bonnie Zadoretzky
Joanne Hagemeyer
Children's Program Director:
Brenda Fellows
Cost: \$10

Introduction, Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Our study begins with an Introduction to Inductive Study, and an overview of Mark's Gospel. Class members will receive a notebook of class materials including a syllabus, the Biblical text printed out for ease of study, and study questions for each week's in-class discussion time.

Gospel of Mark, Wednesday, September 20, 2017

We will meet together to begin talking about what we've been learning. Discussion will be in small groups, teaching and prayer will take place together as one large group.

Study Breaks

Thanksgiving, November 22, 2017

Christmas, break begins after December 6, 2017

New Year, class resumes January 10, 2018

Easter, March 28, 2018

Peter's Letters, March 7, 2018

We will begin our study of the Apostle Peter's teaching.

Share Day, May 2, 2018

Our last day together is a time of rich fellowship and encouragement, as we share with each other all we've seen God do among us.

Peter's Background

According to ancient sources, the people of Galilee were the most religious Jews in the world in the time of Jesus. The Galilean people were actually more educated in the Bible and its application than most Jews. They were known for their great reverence for Scripture and passionate desire to be faithful to it. This translated into vibrant religious communities, devoted to strong families and resistance to the pagan influences of Hellenism.



Jesus' first six disciples came from the shores of Galilee—brothers James and John, and brothers Andrew and Peter, four close friends whose families shared in the fishing business. Philip and Nathanael, also close friends, soon joined.

Decades later, as a spiritually mature apostle, Peter took on Mark as his close companion and workmate. Together they published the first of the four gospels we have today, the Gospel of Mark. Mark also acted as Peter's scribe for his two apostolic epistles, I and II Peter.

Peter remained an inveterate boater, and used the motifs of water, boats, fish, and even Noah, regularly in his teaching. Peter was gripped with the magnificent truth that Jesus came not only to forgive our sins but to rinse clean this fallen world and restore the cosmos to the way it was supposed to be.