

### **FREE JOURNEY - FIVE WEEK ALL CHURCH STUDY | Feb. 13 through Mar. 13**

The Bible says, “Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:16)

Not fear. Not guilt. Not morality or religion. **Freedom.**

However, most of us do not see that at the heart of pursuing life in Jesus lies God’s desire to set you free. At its heart, God’s Word is all about bringing us into real freedom. The Bible begins with God giving Adam and Eve free will in the Garden of Eden. We then follow the plight of the nation of Israel— from their struggle to escape the bondage of slavery in Egypt through their deliverance into the freedom of God’s Promised Land.

But this grand freedom story is so much bigger than one nation’s escape from slavery or our daily difficulties. Just as God delivered the Israelites from dire bondage into a free nation thousands of years ago, He is still in the business of setting people totally free today. So, in this five-week study, we will explore what it means to live daily from the position of God’s freedom.



Downloadable PDF Participant's Guide

#### **Study Materials**

- **Online PDF Participant's Guide.** Each group member will be encouraged to download and complete the questions and exercises found in this guide between Sundays and his or her group meeting.
- **One Small Group Question Pad per group.** This pad contains all of the questions you will need to facilitate each week's meeting.



Small Group Question Pad

#### **Study Timing**

Every group will need to meeting every week for five weeks, beginning the week of February 13, and ending the week of March 13.

The Winter/Spring Semester ends the week of May 22, which gives every group another eight weeks (not counting spring break, April 4-8) to go through a second study after the FREE Study.

Use the calendars on the next two pages to help plan out your semester.

Contact Jason (770-754-7900 x112, [jhoward@stonecreekchurch.org](mailto:jhoward@stonecreekchurch.org)) if you have any questions.

### **OTHER CURRICULUM LISTINGS | Mar. 20 through May 22**

The last four pages have suggestions to finish out the Spring 2011 Semester. Beside each curriculum option listed you will see icons highlighting if the study is DVD-driven, what materials it requires (book and/or study guide) and the number of sessions. As you choose what you want to lead, use this information as a guide.

For example, if you will only meet twice a month following the FREE study, choose a study in the 4 to 6 sessions range (if you have to go into June to finish, no problem.) Otherwise, choose from anything on the list, or select a different study in which your group is interested.

### February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
GROUP REGISTRATION CONTINUES						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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3	14	15	16	17	18	19
GROUP REGISTRATION ENDS		<b>SPRING GROUPS SEMESTER BEGINS WITH FREE STUDY WEEK ONE</b> Plan to begin this week with the first session.				
<b>WEEK 1</b>						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
School Holiday		FREE WEEK TWO				
<b>WEEK 2</b>						
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
FREE WEEK THREE						
<b>WEEK 3</b>						

### March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
FREE WEEK FOUR						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>WEEK 4</b>						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
FREE WEEK FIVE						
<b>WEEK 5</b>						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>WEEK 6</b>						
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<b>WEEK 7</b>						

**April 2011**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<b>WEEK 8</b>							
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	SPRING BREAK WEEK						
<b>WEEK 9</b>							
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>WEEK 10</b>							
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>WEEK 11</b>							
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	EASTER						
<b>WEEK 12</b>							

**May 2011**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>WEEK 13</b>							
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>WEEK 14</b>							
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>WEEK 15</b>	FALL GROUPS SEMESTER ENDS Wrap up your study by this week.						
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL YEAR			
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4

# STUDY THE BIBLE

## Bible 101: Bible Study Guides

By Willow Creek Association



6 Sessions

Bible 101 provides a solid, foundational understanding of God's Word in a format uniquely designed for a small group setting. Each study guide includes an overview of the major sections of Scripture, an understanding of why the Bible is a reliable source, and much more.

Click one of the titles below to learn more and order.

- [Cover to Cover](#) By introducing each of the major sections of Scripture, this guide helps us gain perspective on the whole message of God's Word.
- [Foundations](#) This guide gives you the foundational information you need to read the Bible as a trustworthy source for your life.
- [Great Themes](#) From cover to cover, key themes can be traced through the stories and teachings of Scripture. Creation, sin salvation, sanctification and community -- these are the themes that make up the essentials of our faith.
- [Interpretations](#) We read the Bible to understand. But how do we know that we are really getting the intended meaning? This guide outlines essential principles for finding the meaning of God's Word through inductive study.
- [Parables and Prophecy](#) Some portions of the Bible appear mysterious and hard to understand. When we read prophecy, we wonder how it applies to us today. When we read a parable, several meanings may come to mind. This guide points the way.
- [Personal Devotion](#) God's Word is alive. It was written to produce transformation in our lives. This guide shows us how to tap the riches of Scripture in our devotional times.
- [Study Methods](#) Just as a carpenter needs the right tools to do accurate work, you need certain tools to do fruitful Bible study. This guide will help you learn how to use concordances, dictionaries and other resources.

## Uphill Faith: The Passion Story

By Willow Creek Association



6 Sessions

Jesus knows what an overwhelming, uphill battle feels like. He pressed on and became the model of faith that endures. This study will help you better understand how Jesus' uphill victory leads to your salvation and hope. As you immerse yourself in The Passion Story, you'll discover a source of spiritual fuel to help you face the steep inclines of your own life. [Click here to learn more and order.](#)

## The Book of Acts: Build Community

By John Ortberg



6 Sessions

The church is supposed to be the new community of God's people. The church is meant to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Through this study of Acts, you will discover how God wants to do a fresh work among his people by the power of the Holy Spirit. Find the pathway to authentic community. Learn how to grow as a worshiper. And deepen your passion to invite others into the fellowship of Christ-followers we call the church. [Click here to learn more and order.](#)

## STUDY WHO JESUS IS AND HIS MAJOR TEACHINGS

### In the Dust of the Rabbi

By Ray Vander Laan, Stephen & Amanda Sorenson

[\(E-MAIL STONECREEK FOR DVD\)](#)



5 Sessions

Attend a Bible study in the Holy Land—without leaving home! Filmed in Israel and Turkey, Ray Vander Laan's powerful DVD lessons transport you to biblical sites to help you better understand the Hebrew culture and what it means to pursue life in Jesus as His disciple. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### Jesus 101 Study Series

By Bill Donahue & Willow Creek Association



6 Sessions

Leaders do well to consult their predecessors—to seek ancient wisdom—for help in guiding people into the future. Authentic leaders recognize they need the insights and counsel of others. We have in Jesus Christ an authentic leader, one who is truthful and honest about the past, connects to the present and points his followers to a future that builds on both.

The Jesus 101 series engages both mind and heart. Expanding on eight different ways we encounter Christ in the Gospels. The sessions bring a fresh perspective on who Jesus is, how He interacted with people in Scripture and how He relates to us. The discussion questions are designed particularly to help a group learn from each other but also provide an interesting context for individual reflection.

The following is a list of all the titles in this series. Click a title to learn more and order.

- [Authentic Leader](#)
- [Compassionate Healer](#)
- [Extreme Forgiver](#)
- [Provocative Teacher](#)
- [Relentless Lover](#)
- [Sacred Friend](#)
- [Supreme Conqueror](#)
- [Truthful Revealer](#)

### Modern Parables

By Compass Cinema

[\(E-MAIL STONECREEK FOR DVD & RESOURCES\)](#)



6-12 Sessions

Modern Parables seeks to re-create the emotional immediacy that Jesus' 1st-century audience felt when hearing His parables. This study is an original film-based Bible study curriculum on Jesus' parables. It uses short films of the parables combined with teaching by pastors and in-depth study materials to create an entirely new learning experience. Each week is a different parable, making this study very easy to adapt to any desired schedule or number of meetings. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## STUDIES ON PRAYER

### The Lord's Prayer: Praying With Power

By John Ortberg | Study Guide, 6 sessions.



6 Sessions

This study explores the one thing the disciples longed to know, and Jesus desired to teach—the simplicity and the power of talking with God through the Lord's Prayer. In this study you will find challenging questions that encourage group members to reflect not only on Scripture but also on their own lives—individually and as a part of God's family. [Click here to learn more and order.](#)

## STUDIES TO BETTER UNDERSTAND GOD AND FAITH

### The Power Of A Whisper

By Bill Hybels



4 Sessions

Imagine what your life might become if you were willing to say, "God, I'm listening." That's what you'll discover through *The Power of a Whisper* from Bill Hybels. The Power of a Whisper Participant's Guide serves as a recommended companion resource (along with The Power of a Whisper book) for all individuals participating in the group. Working through four sessions, you will discover how to: Discern the voice of God from others that vie for your attention, Invite God's input into your daily routine, Allow Him to direct your life in order to make a difference in our world and Summon the courage to follow God's voice as you live "wide open" for Him.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

### Q Society Room: The Spirituality of Science

By Gabe Lyons



5 Sessions

In *The Spirituality of Science: What Christians Can Learn From Scientists*, your group will explore the relationship between science and faith and discuss how all Christians (non-scientists included) should be mindful, rather than uninformed or even fearful, of these issues.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

### The Prodigal God

By Timothy Keller

[\(E-MAIL STONECREEK FOR DVD & RESOURCES\)](#)



6 Sessions

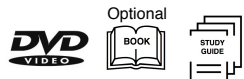
*The Prodigal God* is a six-session experience for small groups based on Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son. This book, teaching film and discussion guide from New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller illustrate his core message: that the gospel is neither religion nor irreligion, neither morality nor immorality, but something else entirely. Both younger brothers and elder brothers in your church will realize that the only way home is through a prodigal God.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

### The Hole In Our Gospel

By Richard Stearns

[\(E-MAIL STONECREEK FOR DVD & RESOURCES\)](#)



6 Sessions

According to Richard Stearns, CEO of World Vision, Christians have a huge hole in their lives, an emptiness that comes from ignoring the plight of the poor. He details his own quest to fill this hole by leaving Lenox Inc. to run a not-for-profit that helps feed, clothe, and educate children worldwide.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

### Chase The Goose

By Mark Batterson

[\(E-MAIL STONECREEK FOR DVD & RESOURCES\)](#)



6 Sessions

What if God wants something more than a safe and predictable life for those who love Him? In this six-session Bible study, author Mark Batterson encourages participants to take hold of the passions God has put in all of our hearts, while learning about the very nature of God Himself in the process. Maybe pursuing life in Jesus should be a little more like a wild goose chase ... mysterious, unpredictable, and even dangerous.

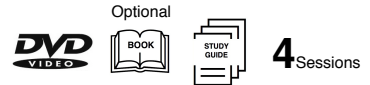
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## EXTENDING LIFE IN JESUS TO OTHERS

### Just Walk Across The Room

By Bill Hybels

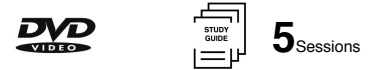
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Believers universally affirm that evangelism is a vital part of what God calls them to do, but very few make a practice of doing it. Bill Hybels addresses these concerns and signals the next era in personal evangelism with *Just Walk Across the Room*. Drawing on fresh perspectives from the author's own experiences, as well as time-tested and practical illustrations, *Just Walk Across the Room* encourages and equips readers to routinely initiate spiritual conversations with those who don't know Christ. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### Q Society Room: Where You Live Matters

By Gabe Lyons



Could it be that where and how you live is dramatically shaped by your own visions and dreams for your life? In *Where You Live Matters: Developing a Vision for Your City*, part of the Q Society Room experience, your group will explore a biblical perspective on where you live and why that matters. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### Cure for the Common Life: Living in Your Sweet Spot

By Max Lucado

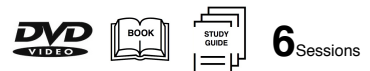


Max Lucado wrote *Cure for the Common Life* to help you find your uniqueness. Now, in *Cure for Common Life Small Group Study*, Max teams with People Management International. In this engaging and dynamic 6-week small group study, you will learn how to: pay attention to your uniqueness, unpack your life to discover your S.T.O.R.Y., strengthen and enhance your relationships, discover your career strengths, and live in your sweet spot every day of your life! [Click here to learn more.](#)

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