

Central Baptist Church

*Small Groups: August – December
2022*

Welcome to Small Group Central!

Discipleship small groups are part of the spiritual formation strategy of Central Baptist Church. Although there are other components to this strategy, groups are an important part of the discipleship process at Central.

Not all of our groups meet on Wednesday nights. Some meet at other times, and in the future, groups will meet most any day at various times. It is our desire to provide multiple opportunities for members and others to connect with other believers in a small group.

Additional groups provided by CBC include Sunday Morning Small Groups (Sunday School Groups), Ministry Groups, and DNA (Discipleship, Nurture, and Accountability) Groups. You may check online or at the Welcome Desk for a listing of Sunday Morning Small Groups. DNA Groups are semester based with periodic enlistment. However, if you are interested in joining a DNA Group do not hesitate to email mdavis@cbcjc.org or text 205-394-3279 for more information.

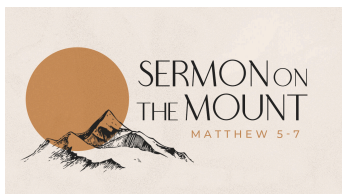
Wednesday Small Groups Fall 2022

Wednesday, 4 PM

The Gathering Place, Begins August
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*Jesus' Sermon on the Mount: Living
as Citizens of the Kingdom of God*

Leader—Dr. Tommy Hood
Cost—None



Join us as we dig into Jesus' instructions in Matthew 5-7 on living as citizens of God's kingdom today. The pastor will lead this study and discussion of these important chapters as an expansion of his series of sermons on Matthew 5-7.

Wednesday, 6 PM

The Gathering Place, Begins August 17

Paul's Letter to the Philippian Church

Leader—Michael McCloud

Cost—None

Join us as we study this letter of Paul. This will be a study that may be one verse at a time or at times one paragraph at a time, exploring the following themes:

Chapter One—The Joy of our Salvation; Chapter Two, verses 1-9—The Joy of the Son of God; Chapter Two, verses 12—Chapter Three, verse 9—The Joy of our Sanctification; Chapter Three, verses 10-21—The Joy of the Struggle; and Chapter Four—The Joy of our Service.

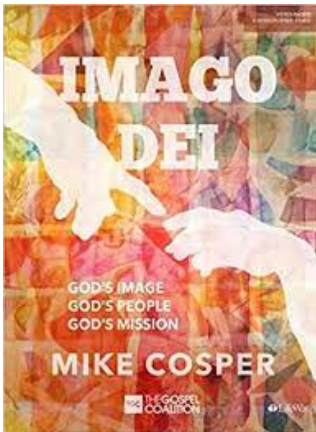


Room A-105, Begins August 17 (6 Sessions)

Imago Dei: God's Image, God's People, God's Mission

Leader—Dr. Michael Davis

Cost—\$10 for book



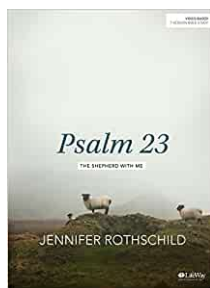
All people are made in the image of God. Having a well-rounded view of the imago Dei will help us better understand ourselves, God, and the restoring work of salvation that comes to us through Jesus Christ. We will examine the image of God biblically within the grand narrative of Scripture, relationally as it applies to ourselves and others, and missionary in light of our use of power and the mission God has given to us.

Suite A, Begins August 17 (7 Sessions)

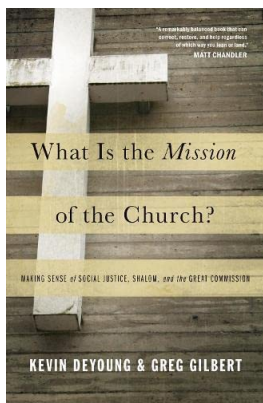
Psalm 23: The Shepherd with Me

Leader—Kirsten Borger

Cost—\$10 for book



In this 7 session study by Jennifer Rothschild, gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. Explore the depth of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life.



Room A-105, Begins September 28 (9 Sessions)

What Is the Mission of the Church

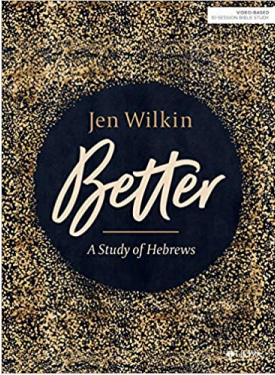
Leader—Dr. Michael Davis

Cost—\$10 for book

Christians today define mission more broadly and variably than ever before. Are we, as the body of Christ, headed in the same direction or are we on divergent missions? Some argue that the mission of the church is to confront injustice and alleviate suffering, doing more to express God's love for the world. Others are concerned

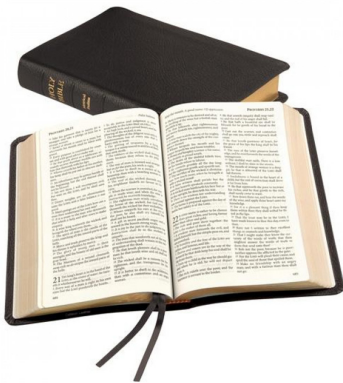
that the church is in danger of losing its God-centeredness and thereby emphasize the proclamation of the gospel. It appears as though misunderstanding of mission persists.

Sunday Evening Small Groups: 6 PM Fall 2022



Suite A, Begins August 28 (10 Sessions)
Better: A Study of Hebrews (Jen Wilkin)
Leader—Kirsten Borger
Cost—\$10 for book

In this verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God “provided something better for us” in the person of Jesus Christ. Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise.



Room A-108, Begins August 28
The Bible in Time
Leader—Jared Hale
Cost—None

Read and study the Bible in a year. Weekly reading is recommended as we will come together to discuss everyone’s favorite passage from that week’s reading of the Bible chronologically. Class is open to all. Bring a desire to learn and worship as we discuss God’s Word.

Sunday Morning Small Groups

Sunday Morning Small Groups meet each Sunday @ 9:30 AM on campus. There are groups for all ages, from birth to 109! Check the list below to find a group.

| GROUP | | ROOM | LEADER(S) |
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| 1000/Preschool | | | |
| 1001/Babies/Toddlers | | B-109 | TBA |
| 1002/3&4 Year Olds | | B-106 | TBA |
| 2000/Children | | | |
| 2001/Kindergarten-3rd Grade | | A-116 | Edward and Julie Sorrell |
| 2003/4th & 5th Grades | | A-115 | Whitson/Blankenship |
| 3000/Students | | | |
| 3101/Middle School | | Youth Suite | Brandon Salyers |
| 3201/High School | | Youth Suite | Timmy Graham |
| 4100/Modern Adults | | | |
| 4101/Pathfinders | | Suite A | Cliff Vicars |
| 4102/Encouragers Class | | A-004 | Keith Greer |
| 4103/Launched Class | | A-113 | Bill/Donna English |
| 4105/Young Married | | A-112 | Michael Davis |
| 4110/College Class | | A-003 | SaraBeth Graham & Matt Kern |
| 4111/Gathering Small Group | | FH | Aaron Seneker |
| 4200/Median Adults | | | |
| 4202/Journey Class | | Gathering Place | Trent/Young/Davenport |
| 4203/James Robinson Prayer Cl | | A-002 | Harlan/Hatcher |

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| 4204/ Bob Odom Class | A-007 | Floyd Brown |
| 4206/Karnes Class | A-110 | Steve Wilson |
| 4207/Coach's Class | Suite B | Keith Lyle |
| 4300/Mature Adults | | |
| 4302/Margaret McNees Class | A-101 | Marshall Wilson |
| 4303/William Rigell Class | A-001 | Mike McCloud |
| 4306/ Esther Class | A-106 | Hood/Elliott |
| 4308/Ella Ross Class | A-005 | Kay Sorrell |
| 4309/Koinonia Class | A-105 | Bill Kennedy |
| 4310/Ethel Rigell Class | A-014 | Lynn Pennington |
| 4311/Hannah Class | Library | Paula Hood |



DNA Groups

New DNA Groups are forming in August 2022! See the display in the Welcome Corridor and register for an appropriate group, or contact a member of the Family Ministry Team:

Dr. Michael Davis—mdavis@cbcjc.org

Helen Kerns—hkerns@cbcjc.org

Timmy Graham—tgraham@cbcjc.org

Brandon Salyer—bsalyer@cbcjc.org

Aaron Seneker—aseneker@cbcjc.org

A DNA Group usually consists of five people—men with men, women with women—who meet together weekly or every other week to be known and to bring the gospel to bear on each other's lives so that

they grow in and live out our DNA as a church to love God, love each other, and love our world.

Discipleship, Nurture & Accountability (DNA)

The mission of God is to restore all things to himself in and through the work and person of Jesus Christ. His chosen vehicle through which he is accomplishing that mission is the church. As God restores us to himself, he is also restoring us to be who he intends us to be. This restoring work does not happen in isolation, but rather in and through our relationships with each other as family. We do not do it alone. We need each other. The groups consist of:

DISCIPLESHIP

A disciple of Jesus is someone learning to apply the gospel to absolutely every part of life.

Essentially, everything we do together in community is a part of discipleship. However, discipling one another will involve:

- Reminding one another of our identity in Jesus Christ
- Admonishing and teaching one another to obey Jesus' commands (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Training one another to serve in tangible ways

NURTURE

Care sincerely for one another.

- Getting to know one another's stories, listening closely to each other and to the Holy Spirit so we can carefully and empathetically direct each other to truth;
- Checking one another's heart and passions by asking question like: How are you doing? Who are you loving well? Not so well? Where are you living in fear? What can we celebrate with you? What are you struggling through?
- Praying with and for each other.

Accountability

Holding one another accountable is more than just asking hard questions.

- Encouraging each other to live out what we believe through setting goals and helping each other fulfill them
- Review the past week and how faithful we have been in keeping our word
- Speak the truth in love as we see areas of sin, correcting and rebuking with God's Word when necessary

How Do I Get In One?

- Express your interest by completing an online application
- Find friends who want to form a DNA group and have them complete an online application
- Ask about openings in existing groups

What Is the Format?

Every group can and will look differently than another. Some will work through a curriculum in order to bring about the goals. Some will work through a setup they designate themselves (i.e. rotate through pieces of Scriptures, a chapter a week, book study). Here is the framework that leaders are encouraged to walk through:

•TEXT

A DNA Group agrees to focus on a common biblical text or curriculum. Each person in the Group commits to devotionally read the same section of Scripture or book for each meeting. As you read, make a point of asking the Holy Spirit to draw your attention to whatever He wants you to know. The Spirit may be prompting you to repent of a sin, rejoice in a promise or meditate on an insight. Each week when you get together, make the text your initial focus.

•THEOLOGY

Work through the verses or book in community, trying to follow the flow of the author. From there, try to understand the central theological message of the chapter. Be sure you ask the question: "How does the person and work of Jesus inform this text?" Strive to be Christ-centered, not application-centered. Jesus is sufficient for our failures and strong for our successes.

•LIFE

This is followed by bringing in your personal struggles and successes from your devotional reading. Be sure to allow plenty of time for this. Share your lives; promote godly accountability and faithful prayer. Finally, be sure to share the names of people whom you are trying to bless with the gospel. Pray as a group, asking God to help you trust His promises, as well as asking Him to give unbelievers the same gift of faith.

DNA Groups are simple, biblical, and missional, following the pattern of Text-Theology-Life. They avoid legalism by promoting a Christ-centered reading of the Scriptures. They avoid license by taking seriously the fight of faith against the flesh. Best of all, they promote lasting joy in Jesus.