

Words of Encouragement and Hope A Study of Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians and the Ephesians

You are invited to the Fall Women's Bible Study beginning with 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Starting: Wednesday, September 22 | Thursday, September 23 | Friday, September 24 | Sunday, September 26

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Have you ever thought about what it was like to have been one of those early Christians? How would you know what a Christian life should look like, especially if you were a gentile convert without knowledge of the Old Testament? How would you view your future from the perspective of this life and the next? How could you persevere in the face of doubt, discouragement and persecution? These questions may have been in the apostle Paul's mind as he wrote heartfelt letters to these early believers. Since we are not much different from our ancient brethren, what a privilege we have to read their **Spirit-inspired** mail! Paul guided them to see beyond their current circumstances while looking to their risen Lord and anticipating his glorious return.

This year we will take the opportunity to incorporate Biblical meditation as a way to welcome the Holy Spirit to speak to us through the Word as we slow down and let the words on the page come to life. Each week we will both "dig in" to uncover the meaning of the passage as well as reflect on the words, phrases, and concepts to allow them to have a deeper impact on us. This practice may be familiar to you or it may be a new way of approaching your Bible reading. Let's develop this purposeful way of reading God's word and see what riches are there for us. Come and be transformed by the word of God as he speaks to your heart in our study.

Facts for Fall 2021

- There will be a combination of ZOOM and in-person offerings (see below for more details)
- There will be childcare offered on Wednesday Morning
- 2 Semesters:
 - Fall Semester: September 22 to December 15, we will study 1 & 2 Thessalonians
 - Spring Semester: January 12 to April 20, we will study Ephesians
- If you are unable to attend the Fall Semester, you will have the opportunity to register in December for the Spring Semester!

WBS Goal

To help women meet Jesus through the study of God's Word, and to see women grow in their faith—transformed more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Each week, women have the opportunity to study the Bible on their own (using questions provided), attend a lecture and discuss the passage in a small group setting.

For Whom

Open to women of all ages. Visitors are always welcome.

When

- Wednesday mornings (9:30am to 11:15am) in person and Zoom
- Wednesday evenings (7pm to 8:30pm) in person and ZOOM
- Thursday mornings (6am to 7:30am) ZOOM
- Friday mornings (6am to 7:30am) ZOOM
- Sunday mornings (8:45am to 10:15am) ZOOM
- Sunday mornings (9am to 10:30am) in person

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