# Here's What's Happening In Adult Education This Year!

Date	Hospitality Center	Conference Room
September 15	Bible Stories for Grownups Led by Wendy Leinhauser	Curve Ball by Peter Enns Led by Pastor Mueller
September 22		
October 6		
October 13		
October 20		
October 27	What if Jesus Was Serious III Led by David Willauer	The Call Led by David Enlow
November 3		
November 10		
November 17		
November 24		
December 1	Wired Word Led by Wendy Leinhauser	The Redemption of Scrooge Led by Pattee Kissinger
December 8		
December 15		
December 22		
December 29	Break	
January 5	Goal Setting for the Second Half of Life Led by David Willauer	The Gospel of Luke: Friends in Low Places Led by David Enlow
January 12		
January 19		
January 26		
February 2		
February 9	Super Bowl Trivia	
February 16	Paul's Journeys	
February 23	Led by Pastor Mueller	
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March 9	Presentation by Staples	Cults: An Exploration of
March 16	Why Easter Matters	Extreme Religious Groups Led by Andy and Francis Smith
March 23	Led by Mike Duris	
March 30		
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# **Bible Stories for Grownups**

Led by Wendy Leinhauser

A look at familiar Bible stories with new and fascinating details and possible interpretations that we would not have been able to grasp in Sunday School or Confirmation. This fascinating and sometimes fun study includes Noah's ark, the sacrifice of Isaac, Jonah and the big fish, Jesus and Zacchaus, and the parable of the talents.

## **Curve Ball** by Peter Enns

Led by Pastor Mueller

Life throws us curveballs, from personal losses to tragedies in our communities. These experiences can leave us doubting God, the Bible, and our faith. Instead of fighting our reservations, how do we embrace them and grow? Biblical scholar Pete Enns writes a more personal book reflecting on his own faith journey while asking us to examine ours.

#### What If Jesus Was Serious III

Led by David Willauer

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus presents a standard that is difficult, if not impossible to attain. As a result, many contemporary Christians are eager to dismiss it. But what if Jesus was serious? We'll use Skye Jethani's book of the same name to listen for the integrity, gentleness, kindness, and love that Jesus reveals. Not necessary to have attended Parts I & II.

#### The Call

Led by David Enlow

This video / discussion series follows the journeys of St. Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion to his preaching and establishing churches in modern day Turkey and Greece. Included in this time together are Paul's reflections in his letters to the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Phillipians, Colossians, and Thessalonians.

### **Wired Word**

Led by Wendy Leinhauser

This class examines and discusses current events through a Christian Lens.

# The Redemption of Scrooge

Led by Pattee Kissinger

The Redemption of Scrooge shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will "bless us every one" and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.

# **Goal Setting for the Second Half of Life**

Led by David Willauer

We all have goals. The right goals can give us direction and focus. Goals can help us plan and solve problems. What can we learn about the goals the members of the Corinthian Church were setting? Some of their goals were based on competing values. What should be the focus of all our goals?

# The Gospel of Luke: Friends in Low Places

Led by David Enlow

Throughout Jesus' ministry, we find stories of his relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. This series examines the way that Jesus met, dined, traveled with, and healed people who were far from perfect and what that might have to say about our relationship with Christ.

# **Paul's Journeys**

Led by Pastor Mueller

Pastor Mueller will use the book of Acts, excerpts from Paul's letters, and experiences from his own recent journeys to Greece and Turkey to discuss why Paul's context was so crucial to his message and what his preaching and teaching has to say to us today.

# **Cults: An Exploration of Extreme Religious Groups**

Led by Andy and Francis Smith

What makes a group a cult? Are cults dangerous? Do they still exist in the modern world? Join us as we examine a variety of religious groups, both past and present, with ideas and practices that are outside the mainstream.

# **Why Easter Matters**

Led by Mike Duris

This video / discussion series centers around people and events of the Holy Week and Easter story , the struggle to trust, and the promise of Easter. Characters included in our discussion are Caiphas, Judas Iscariot, the two criminals on the cross, and the disciples of Jesus. What is it like to have our whole world turned upside down and then to find hope again?

# Questions

Led by Wendy Leinhauser

Want to talk about your faith and beliefs but not sure how to get the conversation started? This interactive group uses question cards to prompt discussions on everything from bible trivia to dealing with real world events.