

# Discipleship Class

## Winter 2024 Syllabus



Week	Topic	Homework
(1) Jan 24-25	<b>The Gospel According To Jesus</b> What would people say if you asked them, "What's the central message of Jesus?" They might say all kinds of things. But if you asked Jesus that question, he would have answered: "The kingdom of God is upon you! Repent and believe this great news!" So what does <u>that</u> mean?	<b>Convo Lab:</b> "What was the central message of Jesus?" <b>Read:</b> Mark chapters 1-2
(2) Jan 31- Feb 1	<b>What is The Kingdom Of God?</b> What even is "the kingdom of God"? Why does Jesus talk about it all the time? What would his first hearers have understood that to mean, and what implications does understanding it have for our lives today?	<b>Discussion Group</b> <b>Convo Lab:</b> "What's a Christian? How do you become one?" <b>Read:</b> Mark 3-4
(3) Feb 7-8	<b>Repent and Believe - Part 1: Repent</b> The word "repent" conjures up all kinds of images. But what did Jesus mean when he used it, and why is it the entryway into the Kingdom of God? Discover why this word is actually one of the most liberating words in the whole Bible.	<b>Discussion Group</b> <b>Convo Lab:</b> Catch up week <b>Read:</b> Start Henri Nouwen's <u>Out Of Solitude</u> <b>Read:</b> Mark 5-6
(4) Feb 14-15	<b>Repent and Believe - Part 2: Believe</b> We think we know what it means to "believe" - but do we really understand what it means to "have faith", which is what "believe" means? When we put our faith in something/someone do we understand what we're signing up for? We had better, because Jesus says we can't be a part of his Kingdom without it.	<b>Discussion Group</b> <b>Convo Lab:</b> "Do you believe in God/a higher power? Why/Why not? If so, are they personally interested in your life?" <b>Read:</b> Continue Nouwen's <u>Out Of Solitude</u> <b>Read:</b> Mark 7-8
(5) Feb 21-22	<b>Come Follow Me - Personally</b> While Jesus' mission includes rescuing all of creation - from people to trees to stars to society - there is also a powerfully personal, intimate invitation he makes to every one of us. How will you, personally, answer him?	<b>Discussion Group</b> <b>Convo Lab:</b> Catch up week <b>Read:</b> Finish Henri Nouwen's <u>Out Of Solitude</u> <b>Read:</b> Mark 9-10
(6) Feb 28-29	<b>The Death &amp; Resurrection of Jesus</b> All four of the pastoral biographies of Jesus build to a violent climax with a shocking and euphoric payoff. Why? What was so important about the death and resurrection of Jesus? Why does the entire Christian movement depend on that <u>actually</u> happening in history?	<b>Discussion Group</b> <b>Convo Lab: GROUP PROJECT!</b> Choose your favorite Convo Lab question so far - or come up with your own - and find a creative way to engage our whole campus with that question. <b>Read:</b> Start <u>The Master Plan Of Evangelism</u> <b>Read:</b> Mark 11-12
(7) March 6-7	<b>The Great Commission</b> After preaching broadly, inviting personally, dying and being raised to life, Jesus tells those first disciples: "Now you go do it." What does it mean for us to participate in "the great commission" that Jesus gives his followers?	<b>Discussion Group</b> <b>Convo Lab:</b> Catch up week <b>Read:</b> Cont. <u>The Master Plan Of Evangelism</u> <b>Read:</b> Mark 13-14
(8) March 13-14	<b>The Holy Spirit</b> The third member of the Trinity is often the most mysterious and misunderstood. But in the Bible he's as much a major player as the Father and the Son. What role does the Holy Spirit play in the lives of disciples and the ongoing mission of Jesus?	<b>Discussion Group</b> <b>Convo Lab:</b> Catch up week <b>Read:</b> Finish <u>The Master Plan Of Evangelism</u> <b>Read:</b> Mark 15
(9) March 18 7-9pm	<b>Worship Night!</b> We talked about who the Holy Spirit is, and what it means to be "filled" with the Holy Spirit. But these aren't just ideas! The Spirit actually wants to fill us. So come worship with us and seek the filling of the Holy Spirit.	<b>Discussion Group</b> <b>Convo Lab:</b> Catch up week <b>Read:</b> Catch up week <b>Location:</b> TBD