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Episode 5 Romans and Galatians The letters of Paul substituted for his presence and represent his attempt to deal with controversies and provide guidance to churches from a pastor s perspective For Paul God s grace expressed in Jesus faithfulness on the cross is a saving gift with no substitutes The Spirit s presence too is a gift that marks the community of faith and produces fruit for faithful life together making us more gracious to ourselves and others

Episode 6 Hebrews The book of Hebrews is a masterful sermon written by an unknown author to a struggling community The writer encourages them to live lives of gratitude for God s saving work in Jesus Hebrews embraces the imagery of sacrifice in the Old Testament to describe Jesus pioneering cosmic work of redemption Replacing fear with trust Jesus our faithful forerunner made it possible for us to approach the holy with confident expectation of God s favor

Episode 7 1 and 2 Corinthians Paul s letters to the church at Corinth address very concrete issues in a culture that honors the freedom of superiors to do as they please Paul counters this with the mind of Christ patterned by the logic of self giving love This logic of the cross balances freedom with Christ shaped responsibility to live in ways that benefit both self and community

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the Bible isn't found in just listening to a biblical scholar or listening to one's own inner voice. Only through conversation in community in the Covenant Group Meeting Experience can we discover the Bible's transformative power. During some weeks the group might be so full of energy and questions that conversation leaves less time for the video. That's okay. The spiritual energy that wakes up and transforms a life is the most important result from this kind of Bible study.

Gathering Together 10 min The opening questions of this segment in each episode are designed to prompt conversation on a general topic that connects to the main theme of the episode. Begin by reading the scriptures in the Covenant Prayer section for Episode 1. Have one person say the phrase "For those who" and then the whole group responds by reading the scripture passage aloud. Neh 8:8 and then 8:10.

Reflecting Together 10 min This segment guides participants to share what they learned from the week's scripture readings with questions that tie their discoveries into a central theme. The study also encourages participants to memorize and share verses from the readings that they found particularly meaningful.

Video Segment 25 min Play the orientation video for Episode 1. The cohosts for this opening conversation are Reverend Shane Stanford, senior pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, and Reverend Christine Chakoian, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Lake Forest, Illinois. They will meet with a different biblical scholar in each video episode.

Discovering Together 15 min This segment in the following episodes builds on the insights of the biblical scholar and analyzes a single passage from the week's readings. The questions in the Group Meeting Experience section of the participant guide encourage a comprehensive look at the form, style, and central meaning of the scripture text. This segment will teach participants how to go deeper in the way they explore the Bible's meaning. If you handed out the participant guides before the first meeting or if individuals downloaded the participant guides to their mobile devices, assign a single Bible passage, Deuteronomy 10, to be read before the meeting as well. It will be discussed briefly at the first meeting during this segment.

Centering Together 10 min This segment provides a meditation which is a devotional way to read the Bible. This is a critical part of the experience because it ensures the study experience is not only informative for the mind but also formative for the heart. It will teach participants how to use imagination, prayer, and listening while reading scripture. These spiritual practices can strengthen their relationship with God. You may choose to have willing participants report on this experience, always located on Day 6 in the participant guide, if they are trying it at home. As an alternative, the leader guide includes this as a weekly group practice every week because some individuals are unfamiliar with this kind of meditation. Decide the best fit for your group; try it both ways, as individuals and as a group.

Serving Together 5 min Read together the Signs of Faithful Love at the end of this episode. Then remind them that they are committing to a twenty-four week Covenant experience together where they will read the Bible daily and write responses in their participant guides; pray for other members of the group each day; meet with the group every week; listen for God speaking through the Bible and each other; and invite the Holy Spirit to change their lives through exposure to the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ encountered in the scriptures. Participants are

encouraged to conceive and share tangible ways that each week's readings will alter their priorities and perspectives and shape their behavior. More Questions Visit <http://covenantbiblestudy.com> for more information. Numerous helps for leaders are available including group calendars, daily emailed Bible readings, video training tips, bonus videos, and supplemental Bible resources. Every Covenant leader will want a copy of the CEB Study Bible. [Covenant Bible Study: Living Participant Guide Large Print](#) Covenant Bible Study, 2014-08-19. This Covenant experience will guide participants in a comprehensive in-depth study of the Bible over twenty-four weeks. Unlike the learning participants may have experienced in other groups, this in-depth study of the whole Bible emphasizes the biblical concept of covenant as a unifying pattern through all the books in the Old and New Testaments. It underscores the unique relationship that God chooses to have with us as God's people. This relationship is grounded in the faithfulness of God's love and on our ongoing commitment to stay in love with God while we share signs of that love with others. Each episode connects to an aspect of this covenant relationship which is summarized in the heading of each participant guide: COVENANT TRANSLATES INTO ACTIONS into how we behave in our everyday lives. That's why the second module, Living the Covenant, focuses on how the community lives out their covenant in faithful love, how it's applied to actual relationships in daily life. The books included in these eight episodes examine the practical challenges of faithful covenant life. We explore leadership problems among tribal chieftains, kings, and prophets, and spiritual and political crises. They look for practical wisdom and guidance in the teachings of Israel's sages, the letters of Paul, and more. And by demonstrating how people of vastly different cultures came together in a common purpose, they show how faithful love is the root of the covenant life. Each participant in the group needs the Participant Guides and a Bible. The CEB Study Bible is preferred. The Living Participant Guide is 8 weeks long and has a lay-flat binding, making it easy to take notes in the generous space provided on each page. The Living Participant Guide contains the following episodes: Episode 9, Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs. Ruth, Esther, and Song of Songs are a part of the Festival Scroll and linked to sacred celebrations in Israel's life. In the story of Ruth, both Ruth and Boaz risk caring beyond conventional expectations, displaying faithful, expansive love with consequences for Israel's royal future. Esther risks everything to identify with her people and rescue them from a genocidal plot. Song of Songs displays the power and passion of a crazy love that also helps us understand God's love. Episode 10, Luke and Acts. Luke and Acts offer a vision of who God is and what salvation means. For the writer of Luke, Jesus is a prophet who reveals God's heart and intention to remake human beings and the broader world through a new community gathered in Jesus' name, the church. Living out Jesus' prophetic role in the power of the Holy Spirit, the church continues God's call to changed hearts and lives. Through Jesus and the church, God's Spirit calls people to belong, serve, and love by welcoming those considered outsiders by the world. Episode 11, 2 Samuel 1 and 2 Kings. In these books, the prophets serve as truth tellers to Israel's kings. They stress that relationship rather than power is central to choosing what's best for the people God loves. Kings are at their best when they are moved by compassion that trumps every preoccupation with

power Idolatry splits our attention and distorts our priorities distracting us from the main thing God alone is worthy of absolute loyalty and trust Episode 12 1 and 2 Thessalonians 1 and 2 Timothy Titus 1 and 2 Thessalonians are written to a community Paul loves a community suffering and anxious about Jesus return 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus pastoral letters are written to Paul's younger partners in ministry While 1 Timothy is intimate 2 Timothy reads like a last will and testament for Paul Episode 13 Wisdom Proverbs and Ecclesiastes Wisdom literature begins and ends with what is good for human beings in life Starting with everyday insights gathered across time by courts scribes these sayings are short and easy to remember The wise person is one who understands these teachings and can apply them appropriately in real life situations Life is fragile and short so wise people will enjoy family friends and the simple things in life Episode 14 Philemon Philippians Colossians Ephesians From a place where hope goes to die an imprisoned Paul says that God is able to restore hope and encourages reconciliation between Philemon home church leader and his runaway slave Onesimus To the Philippians Paul passes on an early hymn that speaks of Jesus as the self emptying suffering servant exalted by God Paul is a pastoral thinker and his words about slaves and masters must be understood in the context of Jesus expected return Episode 15 James Jude 1 and 2 Peter These letters are written to churches suffering harassment and struggling to keep the faith when Jesus promised return hasn't occurred They are written in the voice of those closest to Jesus and speak to new circumstances and situations Concerned about real life issues like gossip and favoritism toward the rich James is a practical book stressing who God is and what you should do about it Peter writes to guide the church in a negotiated faithfulness that requires discernment Episode 16 Prophets Isaiah 1 39 and the Book of the Twelve The prophets express the feelings of God God's deep love for Israel and all of humanity but also God's deep pain disappointment and anger when the people fail to be a loving community of neighbors They also communicate God's yearning to call the people back to taking care of each other especially those they are most likely to exclude widows orphans strangers immigrants For prophets like Hosea God has a parent's heart and refuses to give up on a faithless people More Questions Visit <http://covenantbiblestudy.com> for more information

Covenant Bible Study: Participant Guides (Creating, Living, Trusting) Covenant Bible Study, 2017-01-12 Covenant Bible Study guides small groups through a comprehensive in depth study of the whole Bible over twenty four sessions broken into three eight session modules Unlike the learning participants may have experienced in other groups this study emphasizes the biblical concept of covenant as a unifying theme through both the Old and New Testaments It underscores the unique relationship that God chooses to have with us as God's people This relationship is grounded in the faithfulness of God's love and on our ongoing commitment to stay in relationship with God while we share signs of God's love with others Each Covenant Bible Study participant needs a Participant Guide and a Bible The CEB Study Bible is preferred but not required The Participant Guide walks study participants through the daily scripture readings and offers space to interact personally with the readings the group experience and the weekly meditations This single volume Participant Guide contains the materials required for all three

modules Creating Living and Trusting Creating God establishes the covenant to be in relationship with us This first module Creating the Covenant examines how the covenant community is created and established by focusing on several books of the Bible It discusses the story of our origins in Genesis the Exodus narrative the teachings of Moses the Gospels of Matthew and Mark as well as other books from each Testament that focus on the foundation of Christian faith In doing so it lays out the framework for a life lived in concert with God and others Living Living within the covenant translates into action into how we behave in our everyday lives That s why the second module Living the Covenant focuses on how the community lives out the covenant in faithful love how it is applied to actual relationships in daily life The scripture readings included in these episodes examine the practical challenges of faithful covenant life Participants explore leadership challenges among tribal chieftains kings and prophets and spiritual and political crises They look for practical wisdom and guidance in the teachings of Israel s sages the letters of Paul and more By demonstrating how people of vastly different cultures came together in a common purpose the study shows how faithful love is the root of the covenant life Trusting Life often presents significant challenges Difficulties are inevitable That s why the final module Trusting the Covenant looks at the crises that sometimes call covenant life into question and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen It how hope is restored by faithfulness in the midst of suffering From the story of Job to the Hebrew exile to the apocalyptic visions in Daniel and Revelation we learn how God s faithful love is at work in everything to restore hope freedom and wholeness to our lives

Covenant Works T. Hoogsteen, 2015-10-30 In the development of *Covenant Works* I follow neither the way of the seventeenth century Federal Theology nor the way of nineteenth century Critical Theology nor the way of twentieth century Federal Vision nor the way of a compromise *Covenant Works* lays open the Scriptures biblical structure The author integrates the covenant Christology the trinity the kingdom the church and historical linearity into the Scriptures to reveal its architectonic unity embed container position relative padding bottom 56 25% height 0 overflow hidden max width 100% embed container iframe embed container object embed container embed position absolute top 0 left 0 width 100% height 100% **Covenant Bible Study Kit**, 2014 In depth twenty four week group study of the whole Bible emphasizing the concept of covenant as a unifying pattern through all the books in the Old and New Testament Three participant guides each contain eight episodes showing what to read and offering space to interact personally with the book introductions daily Bible readings prayers and weekly meditations In the videos textual material is discussed by pastors Christine Chakoian and Shane Stanford and a number of biblical scholars

The Covenant Motif in Jeremiah's Book of Comfort Tiberius Rata, 2007 The Covenant Motif in Jeremiah s Book of Comfort Textual and Intertextual Studies of Jeremiah 30 33 examines Jeremiah s promise of a new covenant that God will interiorize his law into people s hearts This in depth syntactic semantic and pragmatic study of selected texts in Jeremiah 30 33 comprises the foundation for a superb biblical theology of the new covenant God s pledge that this covenant is not like the one I made with your fathers is explored in relation to the Abrahamic

Mosaic and Davidic covenants Tiberius Rata makes a theologically and hermeneutically balanced incursion into Old Testament texts used in the New Testament and provides a springboard for further discussion on difficult yet important issues such as the Lord's Supper and the future of Israel *Immersion Bible Studies | Apocrypha* David Arthur DeSilva, 2013 Journey inside the pages of Scripture to meet a personal God who enters individual lives and begins a creative work from the inside out Shaped with the individual in mind Immersion Bible Studies encourage simultaneous engagement both with the Word of God and with the God of the Word to become a new creation in Christ Immersion Bible Studies inspired by a fresh translation the Common English Bible stand firmly on Scripture and help readers explore the emotional spiritual and intellectual needs of their personal faith More importantly they'll be able to discover God's revelation through readings and reflections Bible Study Course: Lesson 7 - The Calling of God United Church of God, 2011-11-09 What is the meaning of God's relationship with humans Inside this Bible study lesson God Wants a Relationship With Us Who Is God Calling Gifts from God The Foundation of His Relationship with Us God's Promises to Abraham God's Covenant with Ancient Israel The Need for a New Covenant Love is the Basis of God's Relationship Few Have Ever Accepted God's Calling Grace How God Interacts With Us How to Use Biblical Quotes and References God's Relationship with Ancient Israel Why We Need a Redeemer Are You Being Called Back to the Beginning Points to Ponder <http://www.ucg.org/bible-study-course> The Covenant Lynn Martin, 2022-12-08 After reading covenant I realized that Christians today have all but forgotten the blessing Covenant has to offer with its promises security love and closeness to God that can't be broken by our failures Because God cannot fail us His blood covers our mistakes Every Christian should be reminded of these facts constantly thanking God for this book Marriage will never be taken lightly after reading The Covenant In fact it should be read at every Christian marriage ceremony You will be amazed and shocked by the seriousness of the covenant into which you are entering You will love this book The author has truly written from the heart of God Tom a humble fisherman for the souls of men *Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* Robert Schnase, 2005 , Inductive Bible Study Richard Alan Fuhr, Al Fuhr, Andreas J. Köstenberger, 2016-11-15 Inductive Bible Study provides a step by step approach to Bible study based on a three part interpretive framework observation interpretation and application *Mastering the Discipline of Bible Study* Jenai J. Rasmussen Ed.D., 2022-07-22 This work along with the other volumes in the Foundational Knowledge of the Bible series can help those who are young in the faith to seek a Christian relationship with God All who choose to enter into the new covenant must concurrently embrace a new perceptual field By heeding God's call to service believers embark upon a Christian journey to become wise from the application of spiritual knowledge This is made possible with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who guides covenant believers in the faithful word of God which is the source of all spiritual truth in this world The intended purpose presented in this plan of action is to speak the truth of God in love so that the brethren can learn godly discernment be equipped with sound doctrine and grow together in all things according to Christ's authoritative leadership

Eph 4 15 By becoming covenant Christians set apart by God for his particular use we can be diligent by precisely and accurately handling the word of truth 2 Tim 2 15 This series can serve to edify and ground those who are new in the faith because the revelation of God provides all the essential answers to life s pressing spiritual questions whether general or specific Accordingly Christ s disciples need to comprehend the questions before the answers can have real meaning No greater reason can be given for studying the Bible Therefore the people of God are duty bound to master this Christian discipline The first volume in this series is divided into three phases of Bible study Why addresses the importance of knowing God s word study motivations conditions for discipleship Christian distinctions and the attributes needed to study biblical truth How covers preliminary actions Bible versions principles study considerations and necessary skills What offers a unique sevenfold framework for understanding the Bible Divine power can move the Scriptures to be more than words on a page It can become a life changing force for good in the world To that end this resource directs the reader on how to inquire search and ask diligently concerning godly truth Invaluable information accessible resources clear educational materials and deep biblical insights will all quickly serve to establish beginning students in the Sacred Text This work will also prepare the reader to receive the Scriptures by learning how to obtain a faithful accounting of spiritual truth To be sure wisdom is the result of applying biblical knowledge to our lives By speaking divine truth in love believers can grow together in Christ as fellow workers who labor in the word of God There is no greater work in this world than to share this life saving truth with others The obligation of receiving divine knowledge requires that it be shared Truly giving the hope and joy that is found in Jesus Christ and the message he brought from the Father is the greatest privilege of a human life Amen and amen

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