

St. Paul's ABLE* Program presents:

*Adult Bible we Learn & Educate others

The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus
Bible Learning Series

A foundational program that will be extremely enlightening whether you have significant Bible knowledge or have never read "The Book".

Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00 in the Church

Program begins Sept. 15, 2010 and runs through Nov. 17, 2010
break for the holidays

Program resumes Jan. 5, 2011 and ends Mar. 30, 2011

Deadline for sign up: Sunday, August 29, 2010

Sign-up sheet located outside of office.

All parishioners and friends of St. Paul's are invited to participate.

This series is comprised of a combination of popular programs and will include interactive group discussions, video commentary, books and workbooks, movies, a construction project, reflections, meditations, and more.

All that is essential can be accomplished at each weekly session with no preparation time. However, to enjoy the utmost benefits from this exciting Bible series, the recommended weekly preparation time is 2 to 4 hours.

Bring Your Own Bible (BYOB) to class for additional reference & reflections.

*This is Not a Bible study - It is a **BIBICAL EVENT** you won't want to miss!*

Package price for all course reference materials is \$50

Financial aid available; please see Rev. Suzannah



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Program material overviews:

The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus

Book, Workbook & Movie

A great evangelism and discipleship instrument

Using over 100 drawings, maps and diagrams and with footage shot from Israel, Jordan, Egypt, and other locations around the world, this is an 11-hour video learning series that explains the greatest of Bible themes clearly and logically. Rather than focusing on a part and missing the whole, it chronologically binds together the entire text into one great universal drama, looking at events from the perspective of those who experienced history in the making first hand. The results are sometimes comical, sometimes frightening, but always true to the intent of scripture.

Adapted from the book “*The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus*” and taken from (Luke 24) this international award winning tool for evangelism and discipleship is based on the events that took place 2000 years ago when Jesus explained the Scriptures to two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. Starting from the beginning of Creation, Jesus "explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Told as a story, with over 1200 Bible verses woven into the text using seven major Bible translations, it begins with a brief history, the nature of the Bible and then launches straight into Creation, going through all major Old Testament stories to anchor the history of God's relationship and dealings with mankind. The first part is set in the Old Testament and when the stage is ready, Jesus is introduced in the New Testament where participants are lead through the life and works of Christ. Now you can learn what the disciples learned from Jesus and discover the keys to eternal life from “The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus” Bible Learning Series.

History of the English Bible

Group discussion and reflections

The ancient people whom we know as the people of Israel of the Bible were convinced that God was intimately involved in their lives and in the destiny of their nation. Inspired by holy men of God, and judged by the Laws and prophets of God, this people recalled, retold, and recorded their experiences and aspirations.

The resultant writings, deemed sacred by succeeding generations became the Hebrew Scriptures, and the Hebrew Scriptures became known as the Old Testament. The people who knew Jesus were convinced that in him the word of God became flesh (Emmanuel / God is with us). Those who walked with Jesus and those who experienced the risen Jesus, Peter, John, Paul and others recalled and recorded the events in his life and the transforming experiences that produced and nurtured the Christian Church. As these writings were gathered, they became the New Testament. Trace the history of the English Bible you own from original texts to modern translations.

The Tabernacle in the Wilderness

Workbook, Movie and Construction Project

As modern-day readers of the Bible, we tend to skim over the detailed and often tedious texts of the Old Testament and focus instead on the simpler sections of the New Testament. It is tempting to relegate the 50 chapters in the Books of Moses devoted to the tabernacle as irrelevant or boring. After all, how are all the intricate plans for a 15th century B.C. E. collapsible structure useful to us as 21st-century Christians? Just like Jesus' parables served to illustrate and bring His teachings to life, so the Old Testament visuals serve to illuminate many spiritual concepts in the New Testament. By omitting the tabernacle in our education, we are actually neglecting a powerful and necessary tool that God had prepared for us to understand the work of Christ on the cross.

Listening to Scripture, Strategies for Interpreting the Bible

Workbook

Listening to Scripture introduces six skills or strategies that will enable learners to uncover enough about the text that they can begin to understand the meaning it might have had for its first readers and hearers. Learning what the text *meant* is the study's first objective. From there, participants explore what the text *means* – the message it has for us as Christians today.

Sessions include: Introduction, Scripture in the Life of the Community of Faith, Six Strategies for Listening to Scripture, Exploring the Historical Setting, Discovering the Literary Context and Audience, Identifying Oral and Literary Forms, Analyzing the Structure, Investigating Words and Phrases, and Putting it all Together.

The Gospel's of Matthew, John and The Book of Acts

The Visual Bible DVD Series with group discussions for reflection

The only dramatization using the actual scriptures. . .word from word from the Bible

This \$400 million 5 star production video series with its international award winning cast of hundreds broke new ground by offering the first-ever dramatic portrayal of events in the New Testament of the Bible, presented word for word from the best-selling New International Version® (NIV) translation.

The visual Bible series has multiple viewing options which include: Watch the full movie, Go directly to any of the 99 events filmed, Conduct a search by Bible chapter, Display subtitles (this feature also provides an open-caption function for the hearing-impaired), Play the soundtrack, and View biographies of key Bible characters.

The tremendous popularity (500,000+ copies sold world wide) of this video series has given new understanding and perspective to the world's best-selling book, the Bible. Now, through DVD technology, this innovative product has even greater opportunity for unlimited Adult Bible Learning and Education.