

# DISCIPLE



## Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

### WHAT IS DISCIPLE?

The DISCIPLE Bible Study program is:

- **Enriching** – Spending dedicated time in God’s Word gives greater meaning to your life.
- **Informational** – Learn the overarching Biblical themes that tie the Old and New Testaments together as well as the stories of the Christian faith.
- **Transformational** – Priorities of heart and life will be changed by those who invest themselves in this Bible study.
- **Faith deepening** – Even those who have been Christians for many years experience a deepening of faith unlike any other Bible study.
- **Fellowship** – Develop deep and lasting friendships in these small groups that meet weekly to study, reflect, pray and grow together.

DISCIPLE is an approach to Bible Study that emphasizes disciplined reading of and listening to Scripture. It results in Biblically nourished people committed to live as disciples.

During the course, DISCIPLE groups move through the Scriptures.

DISCIPLE aims at transformation, not just information.

DISCIPLE calls on persons to be changed by God’s word.

# WHY DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY?

## HEAR WHAT OTHERS AT ST. LUKE'S ARE SAYING ABOUT DISCIPLE:

- “My Disciple experience introduced me to a group of fellow believers who have become a wonderful source of love, support, insight, and accountability as I pursued my goal of getting closer to God and better understanding His word. It has been a transformational experience that I highly recommend to everyone.”
- “Even though I attend and teach Sunday School, I need Disciple to keep me in the Bible daily. I have truly felt the Holy Spirit in my life more through Disciple than through any other means.”
- “My husband would say that the Disciple classes brought him into closer fellowship with God than any other single influence in his adult life. We both have met some of our dearest friends in the church through Disciple.”
- “I was intimidated to study the Bible until I ‘bit the bullet’ with Disciple! I have a new understanding of and appreciation of the Bible and what God has done throughout history and what God is saying to us even now. I had no idea what I was missing.”
- “It is so wonderful to walk in every week and see the group members and to know that we can share our questions and doubts with one another. One of the best parts of Disciple for me has been to learn from not only the study, but also from the faith journeys of the rest of the group.”
- “I am not sure if I got more from the Christian study of my Disciple course, or being part of the Disciple group and having an association with a strong Christian community on a weekly basis. Both aspects of the course were very important.”

### DO I TAKE THE STUDIES IN A CERTAIN ORDER?

***At St. Luke's we do not require participants to take the courses in a certain order.***

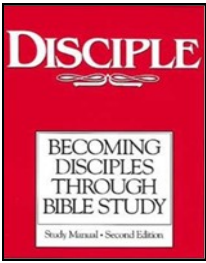
***While “Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study (Disciple I)” studies the entire scope of the Bible, we have found that there are circumstances that make it difficult for us to offer that course every year. Also, not every course is offered every year, which results in the need to be flexible.***

***We encourage members to participate in “Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study (Disciple I)” first, if they are able, but we do not require it in order to participate in other Disciple studies.***

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF PARTICIPANTS?

- Complete the registration form on p. 4 of this brochure, indicating your preferences for day/time/course and return to Shannon Dill by August 21.
- Commit to the time required, which ranges from 30 minutes to one hour of study 6 days each week, primarily reading of the Bible plus a small amount from a Study Manual.
- To the very best of your ability, attend and participate in weekly sessions (groups break for holidays and those breaks vary based on the group and leader schedules). Groups begin the week after Labor Day.
- Pray daily for members of your group.
- Purchase your study materials, if you are able, by making checks payable to St. Luke's. Your group leader will provide you with the materials and the cost.
- Encourage and support others who are interested in Bible Study as you are able.

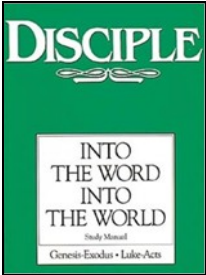
**Other Questions?** Contact Bill Barbin (wjbpsu70@comcast.net or 678-297-9877)  
or Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org or 770-393-1424)



BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

**DISCIPLE I** is a 34 week study that gives you a view of the entire Bible. No, you do not read the whole Bible, but the study includes many sections of the Bible to give you the picture that the Bible is **ONE** story not a collection of 66 different books. The Bible truly reveals to us who God is from the first words of Genesis to the last words of Revelation.

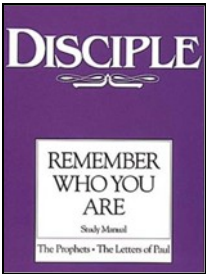
Material cost: \$36



INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**DISCIPLE II** studies Genesis and Exodus from the Old Testament and Luke and Acts from the New Testament. Genesis relates the stories of the patriarchs and Exodus relates the story that is the most important aspect of our Jewish brothers and sisters' faith. Luke tells us about Jesus' life on earth and Acts tells us about the Holy Spirit and how It leads our lives and led the early Church. Into the Word Into the World approaches all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service.

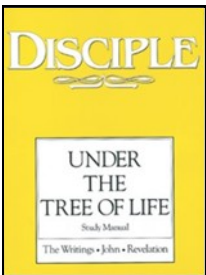
32 weeks. Material cost: \$38



REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

**DISCIPLE III** first studies the prophets of the Old Testament. These prophets helped lead the nation of Israel when they turned from God. They help us today as we stray from God, too. The second 16 weeks studies the letters of Paul. Paul's mission was to bring the Good News to the whole world, not only to the Jews. We study Paul's letters to help us grow in our faith.

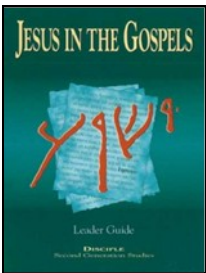
32 weeks. Material cost: \$38



UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE

**DISCIPLE IV** studies the writings of the Old Testament: Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and more. The study then turns to the book of John, the most personal of all the Gospels. It concludes with a study of Revelation, a book you must read with others to understand.

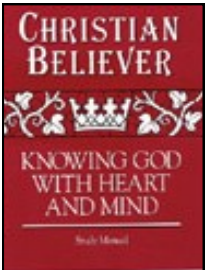
32 weeks. Material cost: \$38



JESUS IN THE GOSPELS

**JESUS IN THE GOSPELS** is an in-depth study of Jesus' life and mission on earth. Each gospel is studied to see why Jesus came to earth and why we worship Him as our Lord and Savior today.

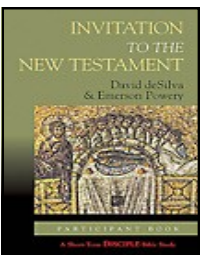
30 weeks. Material cost: \$46



CHRISTIAN BELIEVER

**CHRISTIAN BELIEVER** studies the doctrines of the Church. It is a fascinating study that explores not only the Bible but readings from theologians from the first century to now. Participants in CHRISTIAN BELIEVER will gain a sense that Christians before us have wrestled with some of the same issues of belief that Christians wrestle with today.

30 weeks. Material cost: \$40



INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT SHORT COURSE

**INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT** moves through the Gospel of Matthew to explore how the New Testament writers and the early Christian community wrestled with the coming of Jesus-his life, actions, mission, death, and resurrection-and the implications of his arrival for their lives and their communities of faith. Participants will join this conversation, to study afresh this story of Jesus, and to learn more about their calling to discipleship and to community.

9 weeks. Material cost: \$12



# Registration Form

Name	Email address	Phone number

Is this your first Disciple experience?	If you have participated in Disciple before, which course & where?

## CURRENT GROUPS

These groups are open to new members. If you are interested in one of these groups, please check the appropriate line.

Sign me up for this group!	Course	Day & Time
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remember Who You Are (DIII)	Wednesdays, 11:30-1:00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Invitation to New Testament <i>Short Course</i>	Thursdays, 9:30-11:00

## NEW GROUPS WILL BE FORMED BASED ON INTEREST.

If you are interested in a day/time/study not listed above, please complete the information below. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.

### Preferred class meeting day & time:

(please, check all that apply)

#### Day:

Mon     Tues     Weds     Thurs     Fri

#### Time:

Morning     Afternoon     Evening

### Preferred course of study. See p. 2, for more information.

(please, check all studies you are interested in, **and indicate your first preference.**)

- Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study (DI)
- Into the Word Into the World (DII)
- Remember Who You Are (DIII)
- Under The Tree of Life (DIV)
- Jesus in the Gospels (JG)
- Christian Believer (CB)
- Invitation to the New Testament (SC)