



GROUPS LAUNCH

BIBLE STUDIES GROUPS:

S.O.A.P. & TOAST BIBLE STUDY SMALL GROUP — led by Sarah Pia & Chantel Duker, meets the 3rd Thursday of every month (Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19) 6 pm at various restaurants

We are a small group of women of all ages looking to grow their relationship with God and other fellow believers. Our group does it in a unique way by studying a designated book of the Bible using the S.O.A.P. method. Meeting once a month at a local restaurant to share a meal together and review.

SILVER LINING ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP — led by Sandy Schlotfeld, Sunday 9 am in Room 301

Study God's Word and grow in our relationship with Him and each other. Our current area of study is Revelations. Single, married, young or old — all are invited.

YOUNG FAMILIES BIBLES STUDY SMALL GROUP — led by Justin & Mary Mata, Sunday 9 am in Room 302, childcare available

Meet with other young families for study and fellowship, holding each other through our challenges in faith & life.

TRUST THE BIBLE GROUP — led by Yvon Prehn, meets Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Room 301

Class will answer questions about the Christian faith. Here are some of the sample questions we will answer: For questions about the Christian life, where can we go for answers? What

does it mean to be saved, to be born again? What happens when we are saved? How do God the Father and the Holy Spirit fit into my salvation? What is the Trinity? What's the fine print on the "free gift" of salvation? Can I lose my salvation? What does it mean to be a disciple? Is discipleship optional after I get saved?

ROOTED BIBLE STUDY GROUP — led by Billy & Melissa Duker and Yvette Cortez, meets Wednesday 6:30 pm in Room 432/433, from Sep 11 to Nov 20

Connecting God, the church, and your purpose. Designed for everyone regardless of background and experience. Whether you know Jesus and have followed Him for decades or you are brand new to the faith or even just have questions, this group is for you!

60+ CHICKS BIBLE STUDY — led by Jan Anderson & Sally Day, starts Sep 10, meets in the Ventura area on Thursday, 9:30 am

Group of women discussing, encouraging and holding each other through our challenges in faith & life

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY "ROMANS, BECOMING NEW IN CHRIST" BY JACK KUHATSCHEK — led by Carmen Laurean, meets Wednesday, 10 am in the Ventura area

Open to women of all ages. Our goal is to grow as disciples of Jesus. You will need to purchase the book (\$9). Homework is expected. The book includes questions and spaces for answers, as well as designated discussion time.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY "GOSPEL OF JOHN" — led by Mike Long, meets Tuesday, 7 – 9 pm in Room 426/428

Men getting together and going through the Bible, book by book. Currently on the Gospel of John.

MEN'S WED PM BIBLE STUDY GROUP "THE OVERCOMERS" BY MATT CHANDLER — led by John Goodwin, meets Wednesday 7 – 8:30 pm in Room 426/428

Men's Bible Study on Revelations. Things may look gloomy, and you may feel discouraged, but because of the promise and hope found in scripture, you can be brave, confident, and victorious today!

SERMON BASED BIBLE STUDY SMALL GROUP — led by Willie & Kay Duarte, meets Monday evenings on ZOOM

Join us as we go over the weekend sermon and grow together.

SINGLES GROUP — led by Petra Lopez — meets Tuesday at 6:30 pm
More info coming soon!

CLASSES:

CROWN "DO WELL" FINANCIAL STUDY CLASS — led by Todd & Jeanine Curtis and Sheila Hadjoglou, meets Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, starts Sep 10 in the East Ventura area

Crown has helped people all over the world understand who they are, what they have and how to best use both. Using proven biblical methods and resources has helped transform individuals, families, communities and even entire nations.

WHY YOU CAN TRUST THE BIBLE CLASS — led by Yvon Prehn, meets on Sunday, 10:45 am, starts Sep 15 in Room 301

If we are going to trust our eternal destiny to what is written in the Bible, if we are going to believe what it says about God, Jesus, our salvation, and how we ought to live our lives, we need to make certain it is a true document, and we can trust it. This class will give you solid, reliable evidence for why you can do that based on verifiable history. We'll do all this without resorting to circular reasoning, where we use the Bible to defend the Bible. God created our world and left us with many historical anchors outside the Bible that prove the reliability of it. In this series of lessons, we'll explore them.

UNIQUE/ AFFINITY GROUPS:

GRANDMOTHERING DISCIPLESHIP AFFINITY GROUP — led by Sandy Moe, meets Wednesday, 9 –11 am in Room 302, Sep 25 to Dec 18

Join a group of grandmothers to discuss the challenges and opportunities we have in our individual families to influence next generations in the ways of our Lord. Our focus will be on grandparents' potential to disciple our grandchildren.

STITCHES (KNITTING, CROCHET & MORE) AFFINITY GROUP — led by Susan Pineda, meets Tuesday 6:30 pm in the Ventura area

Are you passionate about knitting, crochet, or other portable handcrafts, or are you interested in learning? Join us for fellowship, ministry, and a chance to enjoy the art of fiber crafts.

HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AFFINITY GROUP — led by Susan Pineda, meets 1st Friday of the month at 7 pm in the Ventura area

Discussion, practical help, and fellowship for home educators and those interested in learning more about home education. Different topic each month.

SHUTTERBUDDIES PHOTOGRAPHY AFFINITY GROUP — led by Spencer Gosenson & Craig Johnson, meets 2nd & 4th Friday of the month, 4 – 5:30 pm in Room 302

A group of photographers who are also believers in Jesus Christ as Savior. We are a diverse group, ranging from photographers who are just starting out to those with years of experience in the business.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB AFFINITY GROUP — led by Lisa Panushka, Debbie Gennaro & Sara Bisnett, meets in the evening 2nd Monday of the month in the Ventura area

Book discussions and growing friendships with other women believers.

MERCY SEAT PRAYER AFFINITY GROUP — led by Margaret Gosenson, meets various Wednesdays at 1:30 pm on Zoom or at ENCOUNTER

Pray for ENCOUNTER church, staff and needs of the people, state, and world. Join us for prayer time together!

SHOEBOX PRAYER GROUP - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD — led by Carmen Laurean meets 1st Thursday and the 2nd and 5th Monday in Ventura. We are a group supporting Operation Christmas Child through prayer. We gather to pray for the

children receiving shoebox gifts and the ministry as a whole.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LARGE GROUPS:

W.O.W. (WOMEN OF THE WORD) BIBLE STUDY — meeting options: Tuesday 9:30 – 11 am in The PLEX starts Sep 10, Wednesday evening in the Oxnard area, or Thursday evening on ZOOM.

Join us as we go through "Lyrics of Life" by Lisa Harper. Learn how to find comfort in any situation based on this songbook of the people of God.

VENTURA MOMCO — meeting options: Tuesday evening at 6:30 - 8:30 pm and Wednesday Morning from 9 - 11 am in The PLEX, starts Sep 24

Mothering is hard. Let's do it together. Friendship, community, food, childcare, resources & support! Whether you have a newborn or school-age children, all moms are welcomed in this mom community.

MEN'S MINISTRY LARGE GROUPS:

MEN'S TUE PM SMALL GROUP — led by Robert Warren & Steve Culbertson, meets Tuesday 7 pm in Room 206

Join other men in this 12-week series as we will walk, chapter by chapter, through the second half of Paul's letter to the Church of Rome. The book of Romans is considered by many to be one of the most important books ever written on the Christian faith.

MEN'S SERMON BASED GROUP FOR RETIRED MEN — led by Mike Olgly, meets Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Ventura area

Group gathers for breakfast and fellowship, discussing the weekly sermon and engaging in service projects.

CARE GROUPS:

REAL TALK FOR STUDENTS — led by Lindsey Lopez & Sophia Bohman, meets 1st Wednesday of the month, starts Sep 4, 5 – 6:30 pm in the Green Room

For middle school & high school – this is a safe place to have those tough discussions. We meet in a full group, then break out into boy groups & girl groups for further discussion.

GRIEF SHARE — led by Debi Dixon meets Monday at 6 pm in Room 301, 14-week session, starts Aug 26

Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences of losing a spouse, child, family member or friend.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE WORKSHOP — led by Debi Dixon, meets Monday, Jan 27, 2025 at 6 pm in Room 302

Widowed? Help is here and hope is possible. Do you dread the lonely days and nights? Feel like your brain is in a fog? What to do with your spouse's belongings? Unsure of how you'll go on? Loss of a Spouse workshop will help you discover: ways to make it through, why it won't always hurt so much, reasons for hope, tips for coping with the death of a spouse.

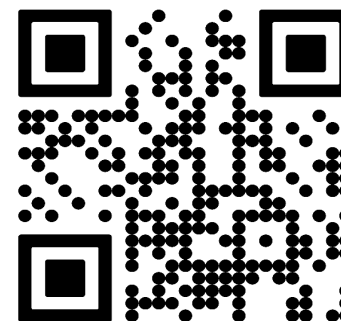
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS WORKSHOP — led by Debi Dixon, meets Monday, Nov 11 at 6 pm in Room 302

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn: How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays, What to do about traditions and other coming changes, Helpful tips for surviving social events, How to discover hope for your future.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — meets every Thursday evening, 6:30 pm at ENCOUNTER

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a biblical and balanced program which helps us overcome our hurts, hang-ups, habits or anything that separates us from a relationship with God. The focus of CR is to celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the 8 Recovery Principles and 12 Christ-centered steps.

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