

Date:	Track A	Track B
April 12, 2020	Resurrection Sunday - Special Events Planned - TBA	
April 17-19, 2020	Spiritual Formation Retreat #3 - Scripture	
April 19, 2020	Journeys - Stories of Faith - TBA	
April 19, 2020	7:00 PM - Public Reading of Scripture Revelation 1-12	
April 26, 2020	Journeys - Stories of Faith - Rob and Kim Tiessen	
May 3, 2020	Why Jesus Matters Kari Larson	The Power of Poetry in the Spiritual Life - Mark Friesen
May 10, 2020	Why Jesus Matters Kari Larson	The Power of Poetry in the Spiritual Life - Mark Friesen
May 17, 2020	Why Jesus Matters Kari Larson	The Power of Poetry in the Spiritual Life - Mark Friesen
May 24, 2020	Why Jesus Matters Kari Larson	The Power of Poetry in the Spiritual Life - Mark Friesen
May 24, 2020	7:00 PM - Public Reading of Scripture Revelation 13-22	
May 29-31, 2020	Spiritual Formation Retreat #4 - Prayer	
May 31, 2020	Journeys - Stories of Faith - TBA	
June 7, 2020	Design Patterns in Biblical Narrative - Jake Giles	
June 14, 2020	Design Patterns in Biblical Narrative - Jake Giles	
June 21, 2020	Design Patterns in Biblical Narrative - Jake Giles	
June 28, 2020	Community Service in Memorial Park	



GBC Learning Opportunities 2019-2020

***“We envision lives renewed, a community transformed,
by the power of the Gospel.”***



Want to learn your way around the Bible in a fun and engaging way? Would you like the equivalent a Bible college degree in biblical studies that you could do in your own home and for free?

Then you need to check out The Bible Project. You can find out all about them at <https://thebibleproject.com>.

They offer great video summaries of biblical books, recurring biblical themes, series that offer tools to help you understanding the larger picture of the Bible, and even some videos that look in depth at the meaning of certain biblical words and help in understanding the Greek and Hebrew meanings behind the English that we read today.

If you don't know where to start we recommend one of two approaches, or do both concurrently.

Approach #1 - Before you begin reading a specific book of the Bible, watch the video summary of that book to get a handle on the cultural context as well as the overall goal of the writer of the book. Then read the book with that information undergirding your reading.

Approach #2 - Get a bigger picture. Start by working through their "How to Read the Bible" series (<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/how-to-read-the-bible/>) in order to learn some basics about how to approach this powerful and ancient text. Then with your greater understanding go back and work through each book using Approach #1.

They also have amazing podcasts (<https://thebibleproject.com/podcasts/>) of their discussions around how they developed the videos which contain a tremendous amount of information that can help you understand themes that flow throughout the whole Bible.

One last piece of advice - they have a ton of information online. It's easy to be overwhelmed by it all. The solution? Why not give 10 minutes a day to a video or podcast, and do that consistently.

To help people experience the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus

You'll be amazed by what they offer and how the ideas they share shape your ability to read, understand, and apply the Bible.



Date:	Track A	Track B
Jan 12, 2020	2,3 John and Jude John Corbett	Rest: Reflections on Mt. 11:28-30 - Susan DeLong
Jan 19, 2020	2,3 John and Jude John Corbett	Rest: Reflections on Mt. 11:28-30 - Susan DeLong
Jan. 24-26, 2020	Spiritual Formation Retreat #2 - Awareness	
Jan 26, 2020	2,3 John and Jude John Corbett	Rest: Reflections on Mt. 11:28-30 - Susan DeLong
Feb. 2, 2020	Journeys - Stories of Faith - Myrna and Cedric Wing	
Feb 2, 2020	7:00 PM - Public Reading of Scripture John 11-21	
Feb. 9, 2020	Journeys - Stories of Faith - Susan and Alan DeLong	
Feb. 16, 2020	Journeys - Stories of Faith - Mike Kuhn - Finding Hagar	
Feb. 22, 2020	10:00am - 2:30pm - GBC DNA Day	
Feb. 23, 2020	Seven - A Lenten Look at the Seven Deadly Sins Erv Klassen	
March 1, 2020	Seven - A Lenten Look at the Seven Deadly Sins Erv Klassen	
March 8, 2020	Seven - A Lenten Look at the Seven Deadly Sins Erv Klassen	
March 15, 2020	Seven - A Lenten Look at the Seven Deadly Sins Erv Klassen	
March 22, 2020	Seven - A Lenten Look at the Seven Deadly Sins Erv Klassen	
March 29, 2020	Seven - A Lenten Look at the Seven Deadly Sins Erv Klassen	
April 5, 2020	Seven - A Lenten Look at the Seven Deadly Sins Erv Klassen	

Date:	Track A	Track B
Sept. 15, 2019	Commitment to Learning/Adult SS Overview - Jeff Kuhn	
Sept. 22, 2019	Defending Scripture Without Demeaning It - Jeff Kuhn	
Sept. 29, 2019	Defending Scripture Without Demeaning It - Jeff Kuhn	
Oct. 6, 2019	Hope Revisted - Erv Klassen	
Oct. 13, 2019	Hope Revisted - Erv Klassen	
Ocr. 18-20, 2019	Spiritual Formation Retreat #1 - Identity	
Oct. 20, 2019	Hope Revisted - Erv Klassen	
Oct. 20, 2019	7:00 PM - Public Reading of Scripture - I Samuel 1-12	
Oct. 27, 2019	Hope Revisted - Erv Klassen	
Nov. 3, 2019	The Dangers of Certainty (and how unanswered questions may actually strengthen my faith) - Bruce McBride	
Nov. 10, 2019	The Dangers of Certainty - Bruce McBride	
Nov. 17, 2019	The Dangers of Certainty - Bruce McBride	
Nov. 23, 2019	10:00am - 2:30pm - GBC DNA Day	
Nov. 24, 2019	The Dangers of Certainty - Bruce McBride	
Dec. 1, 2019	God's Mission...should you choose to accept it. - Jeff Kuhn	
Dec. 8, 2019	God's Mission...should you choose to accept it. - Jeff Kuhn	
Dec.15, 2019	God's Mission...should you choose to accept it. - Jeff Kuhn	
Dec. 22, 2019	No Sunday School	
Dec. 29, 2019	No Sunday School	
Jan 5, 2020	2,3 John and Jude John Corbett	Rest: Reflections on Mt. 11:28-30 - Susan DeLong
Jan. 5, 2020	7:00 PM - Public Reading of Scripture - John 1-10	

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OFFERINGS

Defending Scripture Without Demeaning It: The Old and New Testaments are ancient texts that we believe are fully inspired by God. But that doesn't make them simple to understand. In this two part series we will look at how our modern ways of approaching the text often lead us into more confusion than clarity. Week one will challenge you by looking at the difficulties of the text. Week two will look at some ways to approach the text differently that help to bring clarity. **Led by Jeff Kuhn**

Hope Revisted: In Erv's words, this class will be focused on "Exploring how to be people of Hope in an increasingly hopeless culture." **Led by Erv Klassen**

Public Reading of the Scripture: "Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture..." (I Tim. 4:13) Join us on five Sunday evenings (Oct. 20, 2019, Jan. 5, 2020, Feb. 2, 2020, April 19, 2020, May 24, 2020) when we gather to read part of I Samuel, The Gospel of John, and the book of Revelation out loud together.

"The Dangers of Certainty" (and how unanswered questions may actually strengthen my faith): Have you ever wrestled with questions and doubt about your faith? What if that experience is a good thing and not a bad thing? What if the wrestling with unanswered questions actually deepens and strengthens our faith? **Led by Bruce McBride.**

God's Mission...should you choose to accept it: The church is called to join God in His mission in the world which addresses the question of "what does it mean to be the church?" Far too often we embrace an understanding of church that has more to do with our cultural expectations and personal preferences than with the mission that God has in the world. **Led by Jeff Kuhn**

"Come to me...and I will give you rest" - opening our hearts in prayer to Jesus' invitation: Each session will start with a time of resting in silent prayer followed by other ways of praying with Matthew 11:28-30. Session 1: Using a journal to name the burdens or places of burn out. Session 2: The prayer of examen. Session 3: The prayer of imagination. Session 4: Listening to read aloud folk tale **Facilitator: Susan DeLong**

2nd and 3rd John and Jude This is a four week series working through these shorter but very important letters of the New Testament. **Led by John Corbett.**

Journeys: Stories of Faith: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." The Journeys sessions will consist of various people of GBC sharing what the Lord has done in their life, as well as what they are currently experiencing in their relationship with

Jesus. On Feb. 16, 2020 we will have guest speaker Mike Kuhn sharing from his recent book - Finding Hagar: God's pursuit of a runaway - sharing about what Hagar's own journey says to us today.

Seven - This Lenten series will explore the traditional meanings of the "seven deadly sins" and how they can help us today to become more aware of our patterns of destructive behavior. **Led by Erv Klassen**

Why Jesus Matters: A relationship with Jesus is just that, a relationship. One that impacts us in every aspect of our lives. Come explore what it means to grow in relating to Jesus on a daily basis, living out a relationship with Him and being shaped by it. **Led by Kari Larson**

The Power of Poetry in the Spiritual Life: Poetry is a way of using language differently than our everyday conversations. It overloads the senses with metaphor, image, and symbols to communicate things in ways that impact us deeply...if we take the time to sit with a poem and let it speak to us. Sometimes the unique and varied pairing of the words takes us places that we wouldn't normally go if the ideas were just described with concrete facts. In this class you will look at some specific poems and the spiritual truths they are communicating. **Led by Mark Friesen**

Design Patterns in Biblical Narrative: The Bible is a masterpiece of divine inspiration and human construction. This class will focus in on the way it is constructed; specifically, how the narrative stories in the Bible are told in a way that illuminates themes that both bring a greater unity to the Biblical story and speak directly into the lives of readers. **Led by Jake Giles**

Youth Sunday school Class: Throughout the year we will have a youth class led by Caris Nickerson during the SS time slot.

SPECIAL SERIES/EVENTS FOR LEARNING

Spiritual Formation Retreats: Each year we offer a series of four "retreats" to focus more in depth on practices that actually help to shape our spiritual lives; Identity, Awareness, Scripture, and Prayer. These are offered in a retreat format because the teaching of these practices needs time for actual "practice" and some reflection. The retreats begin on Friday evening in a home, spend Saturday from breakfast until evening snack at either Camp Squeah or Camp Kawkawa, and wrap up with a pot luck lunch and review session on Sunday in a home. There is a cost of \$75 per person which covers our time at the camp facility, our meals there, and any materials. Retreats are limited to 12-15 participants. For 2019-2020 the dates are as

follows: **Identity Retreat - Oct. 18-20, 2019. Awareness Retreat - Jan. 24-26, 2020. Scripture Retreat - April 17-19, 2020. Prayer Retreat - May 29-31, 2020.**

GBC DNA Days: Our GBC "DNA" rotates around living out four commitments as a way of opening ourselves to God's work in our lives. **On Nov. 23rd, 2019 and Feb. 22, 2020** join in our GBC DNA day sessions. Each day will work through 2 of our 4 commitments (Worship, Learning, Mission, and Relationships). We will begin at 10:00 am at the church with a fun and interactive session on one of the commitments. We will share a soup and bun lunch at Noon, followed by a second session after lunch, wrapping up at 2:30 pm. Child care will be available if needed during the sessions. Come and gain an understanding of why we do what we do as a church and how to best utilize what we offer to position yourself for spiritual growth. Please sign up at the church office to help us plan for lunch and child care on these days.

MIYO: Make It Your Own: MIYO is a weekly series for Grade 11 and 12 students that challenges them to think through what it means to believe in Jesus. The goal is to challenge them to wrestle deeply with issues of faith so that they can truly "make it their own" as they prepare to venture out into the world. **Speak with Pastor Jake for more details.**

AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN BY SERVING

GBC Kids - Sunday Clubs: "A little child shall lead them..." One of the best ways to learn is by interacting with children around the Biblical story. Why not choose a month to volunteer downstairs in our Sunday Clubs. There are opportunities for involvement on many levels, from teaching a Biblical story, serving as a shepherd to work with a specific group of kids for the month, helping with the opening session, or leading a craft or video based session. This is a tremendous way to serve and learn at the same time. **Speak with Pastor Jake for more details.**

At GBC we exist to help people take one step closer to Jesus Christ by providing opportunities for them to commit to:



**Seeing, loving,
and surrendering
to God.**



**Living as the family of
God and the body of
Christ, united in Spirit.**



**Loving God with our
mind and growing in
our knowledge of Him.**



**Finding our place in
the Mission of God
and serving faithfully.**