Focused Living 2018-2019 Study Descriptions

Study for Fall 2018:

God of Creation - A Study of Genesis 1-11 by Jen Wilkin

The opening lines and chapters of Genesis teach us fundamental truths about God. We watch Him bring light after darkness, order after chaos, and rest after toil—all through the power of His Word. Over 10 sessions of verse-by-verse study, we will dive into the first 11 chapters of Genesis by following three critical stages of understanding: comprehension, interpretation, and application. Weekly small group discussions and teaching videos will be key in understanding this study. We will revisit familiar stories and historical figures, challenge basic knowledge, and discover deeper meanings in the text. When we first glimpse the character, attributes, and promises of our Creator as He reveals Himself through Scripture, we can truly begin to understand ourselves.

Study for Winter 2019:

Discerning the Voice of God - How to Recognize When God Speaks by Priscilla Shirer

A decade ago, Priscilla Shirer authored *Discerning the Voice of God*, and since then God has continued to grow, teach, and challenge her in her walk with Him. This revised and expanded edition reflects that growth through new stories, illustrations, and exercises. Through 7 sessions, we'll discover the root to clear and daily communication with God—humble obedience. We will learn how surrendering to the Lord unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will, and helps us to discern His voice in everyday life. Through this study, you will experience a deeper relationship with God and strengthen your daily walk with Him.

Study for Spring 2019:

A Woman Who Doesn't Quit - 5 Habits from the Book of Ruth by Nicki Koziarz

Perseverance is one of the greatest skills but also the hardest lessons we will learn in our lives. We are living in a day where we are encouraged to do life based on our feelings. The problem is, most days we don't feel like doing much of anything hard. This brings us to the Old Testament character of Ruth. She is much more than a Bible story and through studying her life we will uncover five life-giving habits that will help us to persevere when things get hard, complicated, and messy. They will teach us to pursue discipline and the desire to determine our daily direction. This study will guide us to focus on becoming people God can count on for the long haul.