

Small Group Meeting Schedule Sept—Nov 2009

Group	Opgs	Childcare Available	Group Description
Meeting every other Sunday 6:30pm beginning 9/13/2009			
Berkley 952-949-9547	0	No	Mixed - married, singles, all ages
Benson 651-338-5549	0	No	Young Adult (20-30s)
Gullman 612-618-0402	0	No	Mixed – married, singles
Meeting every other Tuesday 7:00pm beginning 9/15/2009			
Anderson/Chilson 952-288-9137	0	Yes	Young Adult (20-30s)
Lambert 952-934-9753	5-6	No	Mixed - married, singles, all ages
Wilhelm/ Totman 952-594-5518	0	no	Young Adults (20-30s)
Creamer/Meyer 952-935-8059	7	no	Mixed
Meeting every other Thursday 7:00pm beginning 9/17/2009			
Swanson 952-949-9601	3	No	Mixed - married, singles, all ages
Severson 952-949-1381	8	No	Young Adult (20-30s)
Meeting every other Saturday 7:00pm beginning 9/19/2009			
Kaihoi 952-931-9808	0	No	Mixed - married, singles, all ages
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Meeting every other Sunday 6:30pm beginning 9/20/2009			
Foulkes 952-934-6621	0	No	Couples
Gerhardson 952-939-8186	2	No	Mixed - married, singles, all ages
Williams/Langhus 952-988-8767	0	Yes	Couples

Intimacy with God...



*Earnestly I seek You, my soul
thirsts for You, my body longs for
You, as in a dry and weary
land where there is no water...*

Psalms 63:1

**Cross of Glory
Discipleship-Small Group Ministry
September through November 2009**

Seeking Intimacy with God in the Psalms

Brief Background

Cross of Glory is committed to Jesus' words in Matthew 28 where He commands us to "make disciples" by teaching everyone to obey everything that He commands. We also claim his promise that He will be with us each step of the way as we seek to be obedient to Him (28:18-20). We believe that pursuing intimacy with God is something Jesus modeled and commanded. The book of the Psalms is a rich resource for this pursuit.

Introduction

The Psalms are songs of prayer and praise collected and compiled for use in worship in Israel. The book of the Psalms contains 150 Psalms and belongs to the Old Testament Canon of Scripture. Every situation, condition, experience known to humans is somewhere and somehow expressed in the Psalms. One such deep human need is to know God intimately and closely. There are many Psalms and portions of Psalms which address this "cry to be close to God!" For our study we have only selected a few, particularly chosen because most of the Psalm is dedicated to addressing some aspect of our need for intimacy with God. We will be memorizing portions of these Psalms and will encourage reading additional Psalms to support our study. The book titled, "Intimacy with the Almighty" written by Charles Swindoll has been selected to accompany the study and reading. Our desire is that this pursuit will be life changing, that it will be devotional and experiential as well as educational.

God is the initiator in our relationship with Him and He desires intimacy with us. Ever since the beginning when He first went looking for Adam and Eve in the garden after the fall to sin, He has been pursuing us and making a way for us to know Him personally. Today for us, this is initially experienced when we come by faith to Christ and trust Him as our Lord and Savior. But the experience of intimacy with God only begins then and is intended to become a lifelong pursuit and a passion for every believer.

Session Outline – Intimacy with God

Seeking Intimacy with God in Psalm 62

Seeking Intimacy with God in Psalm 63

Seeking Intimacy with God in Psalm 73

Monthly Memory Verses – use a translation of your choice.

- September: Psalm 62:5-8
- October: Psalm 63:1-5
- November: Psalm 73:24-26

Meeting Schedule – Our small groups will meet twice a month September through November (once at church and once in a home setting). Groups will meet at church on the night of the week that they normally meet in their homes.

September Church Session 1

Dates – Sun. 13th—6:30 pm, Tues. 15th—7pm, Thur. 17th— 7 pm, Sat. 19th—7pm. and Sun. 20th—6:30pm

Note - start times are the same for the rest of the sessions.

October Church Session 2

Dates – Sun 11th, Tues. 13th, Thur. 15th, Sat. 24th and Sun 18th.

November Church Session 3

Dates – Sun. 8th, Tues. 10th, Thur. 12th, Sat. 14th, and Sun. 15th

- Please note there are 2 Sunday evening sessions each month because of the number of small groups meeting on Sundays.

Church Session Format – The gathering at the church will include a large group teaching time from the selected Psalms during the first hour and then a time for small groups to meet as groups to share, discuss and pray together. Study resources will be provided either in paper form or on the internet.

Home meeting format – These meetings will start two weeks following the church sessions in designated homes. Please check with specific small groups for directions, start times, and schedules – please refer to the back page of this document. Study times to include discussion on Psalms and reading of the book.

Questions and inquiries – please contact Pastor Ron at rgullman@gloryonline.org or call 952-935-3696x12