

## WINTER 2021 OFFERINGS

## There's something for everyone! To sign up, visit: bit.ly/2EQ740i All groups will meet on Zoom

*Journey with Christ, Part 3: Discovering Your Ministry.* This group is led by Dick Cornelius and meets from 2:30 to 4:00 pm on Sundays beginning Jan. 31 through March 21. It is open to anyone who completed JWC Part 2.

Have you ever wondered or felt unsure about what ministry God has in mind for you? In Part 3 of Journey With Christ, we will explore together what scripture says about the role that serving in the Body of Christ (i.e., the church) has in our faith journey. We will discuss how you can discover what your spiritual gifts are, claim your passion, and better understand your calling and mission.

**Men's Group**. This group is led by Cameron Craig and will meet every other Monday starting on Jan. 18, 6:45 to 7:45 am. Open to men. During its first meeting, the group will select a book to discuss during the gatherings.

*Grateful.* This group runs for six weeks beginning Feb. 16, meeting Tuesdays through March 23. It is open to anyone and led by Janet Roberto and Lola Cooley from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

If gratitude is good, why is it so hard to do? In Grateful, Diana Butler Bass sets the table for a renewed practice of giving thanks. With examples from history and her own life, Bass reclaims gratitude as a path to greater connection with God, with others, with the world, and even with our own souls. It's time to embrace a more radical practice of gratitude—the virtue that heals us and helps us thrive.

Love is the Way. (\*Group is full) Join Lori and John Willingham on Wednesdays beginning Feb. 24 through March 31 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. These gatherings are open to anyone.

As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. First introduced to the world with his powerful sermon at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, in this book he expands on that message of hope. Bishop Curry contends that the way of love is essential for addressing the challenges facing the world: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, and competing claims to speak for God. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry and personal journey, he speaks of how America came this far and how we can go a whole lot further.

*God's Joyful Surprise.* This group is open to women and led by Julie McCormack. It meets on Wednesdays beginning on Feb. 3 through March 24 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Sue Monk Kidd explores the thrilling possibilities of God's everlasting love. God's Joyful Surprise makes an important statement about devotion to God rather than activity. Strands of humor and warmth woven throughout make it a joy to read from beginning to end.

*Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents.* Join Judy Cody, Laurie Foote and Katie Toner for eight weeks of discussion on Wednesdays beginning Feb. 3. from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Open to anyone.

Caste, by Isabel Wilkerson, explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. Our group will tackle this heavy topic together, debating and learning so that we may better love our neighbors, both near and far.

**Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man.** This group is open to anyone and is led by Peter Christianson and Diane Paul. It meets from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursdays beginning Feb. 4 through March 25.

Former Eagles linebacker Emmanuel Acho connects his own experience with race and racism – including his majoritywhite prep school education juxtaposed with his time in majority-black NFL locker rooms with the lessons of history, culture and the wisdom of other black voices. The result is an essential guide to the conversations we should all be having to increase our understanding and join the antiracist fight.

What's So Amazing About Grace? Jeff Toner and Terry Herring's group kicks off on Jan. 29, meeting on Friday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 am.

Award-winning author Philip Yancey explores grace at street level. If grace is God's love for the undeserving, he asks, then what does it look like in action? Yancey offers compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church.