

Spring Quarter Sunday School Electives

March 7 – May 30

Job: A Study in Suffering

Tim Huxman – Room 11

In this class we will study and discuss the life of Job and the responses given to his suffering. We will examine how we respond to suffering in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. We will see that the Bible does have answers for when we suffer, and it does provide us the means for comforting the hurting.

Romans (Part 2)

Sin and the Wrath of God - Romans 1:18-3:20

Bruce Plank – Room 12

Paul's letter to the church in Rome is his magnum opus and the most systematic statement on the doctrine of salvation in the New Testament. This section of Romans, to paraphrase Luther, will not make men better, but worse. It will make their sin painfully plain to them and thereby drive them to seek comfort. For those of us who have already found that comfort, it will deepen our love of God.

Foundations of the Faith

Joel Busenitz – Room 14

What do I believe? Why do I believe it? Is it biblical? What we believe determines how we live, and as our culture becomes increasingly ungodly it is vital to have a firm foundation for what we believe. We will study God the Father, Son, and Spirit, Satan, the doctrines of the Bible, man, sin, salvation, the church, and end times. More important than just knowledge, we will discuss how these beliefs impact our lives and interactions with others. The Bible is our guidebook for life; the better we know it the better prepared we will be for the enemy's attacks.

Pursuing Holiness

Nick Williams - Room 13

What is holiness? Where is it lacking? Is it achievable?

How do we grow in it? What is our responsibility?

We will turn to scripture to answer these questions and also benefit from the book, "The Pursuit of Holiness" by Jerry Bridges.

Ezra & Nehemiah

Tommy Lee – Overflow

Ezra is the account of the Children of Israel leaving Babylon after the 70 years Captivity. The Persian Empire under Cyrus the Great has defeated the Babylonian Empire and let their captives settle in their own land if desired. The Jews could return to their own land to rebuild their temple. Zerubbabel led 50,000 people back to begin construction on the Temple. The people who occupied the land were not overjoyed to have the Jews returned and opposed the construction by threatening the Jews. They succeeded in stopping the Jews for 15 years. God sent Haggai and Zechariah to get the people back on the job. After 4 years the Temple was finished and dedicated. 80 years after the return of Zerubbabel, Ezra returned to the land with 1500 people. His purpose in going was to bring a substantial offering to help the people and to teach the Law of God. Unfortunately, the Israelites were compromising God's laws in the marrying of pagan women. The rest of the book is the account of how obedience was once again brought to the those in the land of Judah.

Nehemiah is the account of the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem after Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Temple and the wall in 586BC. Nehemiah was the cupbearer to King Artaxerxes of Persia. He heard that the wall of Jerusalem was in ruin and he determined to do something about it. Ezra was also in Jerusalem working to restore the spiritual life of Judah. They received opposition from the pagan people of the land and from the Jews. Nehemiah was able to lead them through the problems and back to God.