

## Summer Quarter Sunday School Electives

*June 21 – August 30*

### Isaiah

*Larry Ediger – Room 11*

Isaiah's name meant "the Lord is salvation" and this was his message for over 40 years. Through him the Lord pronounced judgment on the proud who sought to save themselves. But through him God also comforted the humble with glimpses of a Prince of Peace and a Suffering Servant. Isaiah is the prophet we need to hear today as he cries out God's message above the din of world upheaval. William Sanford LaSor wrote in his book *Great Personalities of the Old Testament*: "Isaiah is great for two reasons: He lived in momentous days, in critical days of international upheaval, and he wrote what many consider to be the greatest book in the Old Testament." Come discover why New Testament authors quoted Isaiah more than any other Old Testament book except Psalms as we explore together the first half of the book of Isaiah.

### Survey of Psalms

*Nick Williams - Room 12*

In this class we will examine select psalms in order to survey the Book of Psalms. The psalms chosen will serve as examples of the different genres of psalms that were written. This will help us better understand the types of psalms that appear in Scripture.

### Developing a Church Culture of Evangelism

without being Guilt-Tripped

*Adam Lancaster - Room 13*

It's the evangelism class everyone's been waiting for! No guilt trips or awkward conversations. We will delve into the lifestyle of evangelism in our church & local community as well as equip with tools to build confidence to speak Jesus to friends!

## Spiritual Disciplines

*Jerry McClenahan - Room - 14*

Typically, the idea of discipline brings up an image of drudgery, punishment, routine, or self-denial. Understanding the goal of a given discipline can remove the mundane or tedious nature that might be associated with the practice. For every Christian, there should be a question as to how the goal of holiness or godliness can be realized. As with any goal, the realization of it will depend upon disciplinary practices.

In this summer series of lessons, we will explore the scriptural ways in which followers of Christ can discipline themselves to achieve the goal set forth in I Timothy 4:7 "...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness".

### James

*Tommy Lee – Overflow*

James was written about AD 45 by Jesus' half-brother. It was the first book of the NT to be written. The main theme is righteous living, to make the believers walk consistent with their doctrine.

It is written to Jewish believers who had been scattered by persecution. These were believers who had been driven out of Jerusalem as a result of the stoning of Stephen in Acts 7-8. So, the book was not written to one local church or individual but to believers in several places. James deals with the believer's persecution in the first section. He stresses the fact that all trials are for our development in the Christian life. He encourages them that there will be rewards for their endurance in persecution.

James also deals with problems in the Christian walk. There are many obstacles on the road to righteousness. He deals with such obstacles such as showing favoritism in the church, a faith that does not produce good works, the problems of the tongue and how to handle riches. James exhorts his readers to be patient in all of their trials and persecutions. He stresses the importance of prayer in their lives in order for them to live fruitful lives and to be able to help others who are undergoing tests and trials.