



# DISCIPLESHIP



All In-person meetings at Nazareth request social distancing and the use of face masks.

## Congregational Study: *The Good and Beautiful LIFE: Putting on the Character of Christ*

"I have never met a person whose goal was to ruin his or her life. We all want to be happy, and we want it all of the time." So begins James Bryan Smith in *The Good and Beautiful Life*. The problem is we have bought into false notions of happiness and success. These self-centered decisions lead us further into the vices that cause ruin: anger, lust, lying, worry and judging. Eventually we find ourselves living a beautifully packaged life of self-destruction.

Beginning the week of September 13, congregation members will have the opportunity to study this book which is a sequel to the previous study we had in Lent, *The Good and Beautiful God*. Following the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), this study will compare false worldly narratives about where abundant life is found with Jesus' narratives that deliver on his promise, "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). The sermons each Sunday will be based on the same words of Jesus which each chapter examines.

We will cover the first 6 chapters of this book this Fall and the remaining 6 chapters during Lent 2021. Books will be available at the Welcome Desk (Sundays) and at the Receptionist's Desk (Weekdays). Cost is \$15.00.

It would be wonderful if, in addition to reading the book, many of our congregation members would participate in a small group discussion, either in person or via zoom. We currently have 20 leaders who are willing to lead on a variety of days and times of the week. You may sign up using the signup form on naz.org (select "Connect"; then select "Small Groups" to find the signup form for The Good and Beautiful Life) or you may call Terri Packard, Receptionist at 319-266-7589 (Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Please try to sign up by the end of August.

### SUNDAY

Title: **MidKids – The Good and Beautiful God/Life – then Gideon**

Dates: Sundays, ongoing

Time: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Description: *After completing "The Good and Beautiful God", the class will commence with the next book in the sequence, "The Good and Beautiful Life." Following that this class will study the life and faith of "Gideon."*

Facilitator: David Duncan

Location: Bethel Hall

Title: **Bible Study - David: Warrior, Writer and Witness**

Dates: Sundays, beginning September 13

Time: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Description: *This class will trace the life of David through Biblical historical records, his writings in Psalms and his witness of God's favor and to other historical figures including Jesus. New members are welcome at any time!*

Facilitators: Larry Leutzinger

Location: Room 155

### MONDAY

Title: **Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)**

Dates: Mondays, beginning September 14

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Description: *Bible Study Fellowship invites you to join in studying the book of Genesis. The first book of the Bible reveals our shared story as a single race created in God's image. We look forward to exploring this book of "Beginnings" together, where we witness the wonder of God creating the universe, the tragedy of humanity's fall into sin and God's gracious redemption. BSF this fall will be on Zoom in discussion groups. Please go to [bsfinternational.org](https://bsfinternational.org) to learn more and to register for a class this fall. You may also contact Travis at the email address above.*

Facilitator: Travis Tolliver

Contact: cedarvalleybsf@gmail.com

Location: Zoom Meeting

Title: **Young Adults**

Dates: Mondays, beginning September 14

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Description: *Are you a young adult interested in getting connected to others here at Nazareth? Join the "Young Adults at Naz" Facebook Group to get updates about activities and/or meeting times. Contact [tolson@gmail.com](mailto:tolson@gmail.com) for more information!*

Facilitator: Troy Olson

Location: Room 301

### TUESDAY/THURSDAY

Title: **Centering Prayer**

Dates: Every Tuesday and Thursday, ongoing

Time: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Description: *Craving a time of peace in your hectic life? Seeking silence as you intentionally listen to God during prayer? This class gives you the opportunity to "be still" and to experience the Lord in intentional moments of silence and reflection. All are welcome.*

Facilitator: Lorene Wellnitz

Location: Zoom Meeting

## REGISTRATION FOR ALL CLASSES (except for BSF/parenting classes) AT NAZ.ORG/SMALLGROUPS

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Once signed up, your group leader will notify you of any changes your class(es) may have.

## WEDNESDAY

**Title: Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Dates: Wednesdays, beginning September 16

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Description: *The Nazareth pastors facilitate a time of (singing), prayer and Bible study from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. It has moved during the pandemic from HyVee to Bethel Hall. Weekly, we have 20-30 men gather for fellowship and study.*

Facilitator: Pastors King & Hanson

Location: Bethel Hall

**Title: Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)**

Dates: Wed. or Thurs., beginning September 16 or 17

Times: (W)9:30 – 10:15 a.m., (TH)9:30 – 10:15 a.m., 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Description: *Bible Study Fellowship invites you to join in studying the book of Genesis. The first book of the Bible reveals our shared story as a single race created in God's image. We look forward to exploring this book of "Beginnings" together, where we witness the wonder of God creating the universe, the tragedy of humanity's fall into sin and God's gracious redemption. BSF this fall will be on Zoom in discussion groups. Our preschool children's program will also provide each child with a video Bible story each week so that your child can learn the same thing you are learning but at their educational level. Please go to [bsfinternational.org](http://bsfinternational.org) to learn more about this unique way of studying God's word and to register for a class this fall.*

Facilitator: Diane Curtis and more

Contact: [diane.curtis@uni.edu](mailto:diane.curtis@uni.edu)

Location: Zoom meeting

**Title: Men's Wednesday Promise Keepers Bible Study**

Dates: Wednesdays, beginning September 16

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Description: *Men gather to discuss the scriptures upon which the upcoming Sunday sermon/teaching is based. Bring your own lunch and join us in prayer and discussion.*

Facilitators: Pastors King and Hanson

Location: Room 160

**Title: POW - A Parent Small Group - Triggers "Exchanging Parents' Angry Reactions for Gentle Biblical Responses"**

Dates: Wednesdays, September 16 – November 18

Time: 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Description: *For 10 weeks parents will examine common parenting issues that cause them to explode inappropriately at their children. Moving beyond simple parenting tips on how to change your child's behavior, authors Amber Lia and Wendy Speake offer Biblical insight and practical tools to equip and encourage parents on the journey away from anger-filled reactions toward gentle, Biblical responses. There is programming for the kids whose parents attend POW led by Nolan and Kim and Nursery is available for the younger ones.*

Facilitator: Meg Husted

Location: Room 301

Contact (for sign up): [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org)

**Title: Fall Gather Bible Study – A Holy Time**

Dates/Times: Wed, 9:15 a.m., Thurs., 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Description: *The Fall Bible study series will be about "holy time." The lessons will focus on how God is with us in the past, present and future as participants consider the role of time in the daily living of faith: remembering the past, recognizing "the now", and reimagining the future.*

Facilitators: Various Leaders

Location: Bethel Hall

Month:

+September – Wednesday (9th) and Thursday (10th) – Remembering the Past

+October – Wednesday (14th) and Thursday (15th) – Recognizing the Present - "the now"

+November – Wednesday (11th) and Thursday (12th) – Reimagining the Future

+December – Wednesday (9th) 1:00 p.m. – Advent Devotion

Please Note: The above is the schedule for in-person meetings and are subject to change if changes in COVID restrictions.

## THURSDAY

**Title: Search Thursday Fellowship Bible Study**

Dates: Thursdays, beginning September 17

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Description: *Men and women gather for an hour to (sing), pray and study the Biblical texts and themes for the upcoming Sunday sermon/teaching. After the study, participants are invited to join in on the Senior Fellowship Luncheon (will be available when COVID restrictions are modified to allow luncheon to resume.)*

Facilitators: Pastors King and Hanson

Location: Room 151/153

## GROUPS/EVENTS NOT MEETING THIS FALL. MORE UPDATES COMING!

**Title: Alpha**

Dates: The next Alpha class will be offered Winter 2021 with days and times TBD. If COVID-19 restrictions prohibit in-person meetings, the classes will be offered via Zoom.

Description: *Over a series of interactive sessions, Alpha helps participants explore the meaning of life, revealing that Christianity can be every bit as relevant to life today as it was 2000 years ago. Alpha makes it easy to invite friends, enjoy food and fellowship, hear short teaching talks, and have opportunities to discuss and explore life's biggest questions in a safe and respectful environment.*

Facilitators: TBD

**Title: BELONG - New Member Class**

Dates: Spring dates TBD

Description: *This class is a great opportunity to explore the Lutheran faith, learn about the history of Nazareth and begin to build community with others who are interested in membership. A light meal will be served and childcare is available. With questions, contact Lori Fegley at [lori.fegley@naz.org](mailto:lori.fegley@naz.org) or 319-266-7589.*

Facilitators: Various Naz Leaders

Location: At Nazareth or Zoom meetings - TBD

**Title: Financial Peace University**

Time: TBD – Watch for announcement

Description: *With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. Watch the Financial Peace University Videos from home and then gather together for discussion each Monday evening. The cost of this course is \$99. With questions, email [jan.glaspie@naz.org](mailto:jan.glaspie@naz.org).*

Facilitators: TBD

Location: TBD

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