

# G GRACE CLASSES

*"...we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Colossians 1:9-10)*

The focus of classes at Grace Church is equipping. We want our classes to be to spaces where we can grow in our knowledge and understanding of Christ so that we can be sent to live these things out in community and on mission.

## ***Format***

Classes will be offered in two semesters every year. The Fall semester will begin the 3rd Sunday of every September and the Spring semester will begin the 3rd Sunday of every February. All classes will be 12 weeks long.

Here is a list of the core classes that we will offer ***regularly*** (not every time, but on a rotating basis):

## BEGINNING TRACK:

***Next Steps.*** This class is designed to help new believers begin their walk with Christ through learning how to begin devotional bible reading and memorizing five key bible verses. Class participants will also learn the basics of how to share your faith, live in God's church, and start discipling others.

***God's Story: How the Bible fits Together.*** This class focuses on biblical theology, showing how all the parts of the bible fit together as one cohesive story of redemption, from Genesis to Revelation. If you are unfamiliar with the bible, this is the place to start! If you've been reading the bible for years but still struggle to put all together, this is the class for you.

## BIBLE CONTENT TRACK:

***The Message of the Old Testament I.*** This class gives an overview of the OT from Genesis to Proverbs, focusing on the authorship, genre, style, themes and message of each of these books. This is great for any Christian desiring to grow in their understanding of God's word.

***The Message of the Old Testament II.*** This class gives an overview of the OT from Ecclesiastes to Malachi, focusing on the authorship, genre, style, themes and message of

each of these books. This is great for any Christian desiring to grow in their understanding of God's word.

***The Message of the New Testament I.*** This class gives an overview of the NT from the Gospels to Paul's Letters, focusing on the authorship, genre, style, themes and message of each of these books. This is great for any Christian desiring to grow in their understanding of God's word.

***The Message of the New Testament II.*** This class gives an overview of the NT from Paul's letters to Revelation, focusing on the authorship, genre, style, themes and message of each of these books. This is great for any Christian desiring to grow in their understanding of God's word.

#### THEOLOGY TRACK:

***Essential Christian Beliefs, Part 1.*** This class focuses on systematic theology, outlining the key doctrines of Christianity. These key doctrines also inform our church's belief statement. Part 1 begins with an introduction to Systematic Theology and ends with the work of Jesus Christ.

***Essential Christian Beliefs, Part 2.*** This class focuses on systematic theology, outlining the key doctrines of Christianity. These key doctrines also inform our church's belief statement. Part 2 begins with the person and work of the Holy Spirit and ends with the new heavens and the new earth.

***Church History.*** This class will cover the key moments and developments of the church throughout history, from the very first church after the apostles, all the way to Baptists in America. One of the best ways to learn theology (about God) is by looking at how the church did theology (thought about God) through the years.

#### THE CHRISTIAN LIFE TRACK:

***Spiritual Disciplines.*** God has given us various means of grace to help us grow up into maturity in Jesus Christ. This class will outline those practices and equip you to do them so that you can grow in the grace of Jesus.

***Evangelism.*** This class covers topics ranging from God's Sovereignty in evangelism to practical help in sharing the gospel with people from different backgrounds. Includes one class session on how to write and share your personal testimony.

***Discipleship.*** This class covers what it means to follow Christ and help others along as they

follow Christ. Includes tools and methods to begin discipling others right away.

***Everyday Hermeneutics: How to properly read and interpret the Bible.***

Do you ever feel like it takes a seminary degree to read and understand the Bible? Do you ever feel intimidated to read and interpret scripture for yourself? Do you want to sharpen your Bible study skills? If your answer is "yes" to any of those questions, then this class is for you. Come learn essential principles to faithfully, properly, and confidently read and understand what God has spoken through his holy scriptures. Your personal Bible study will never be the same.

***Marriage.*** The bible is full of instruction on what marriage is, why it's important to God, and how the gospel actually works to produce fruit in our marriages. This class will walk through those biblical passages while providing practical help for issues in marriage like conflict, communication, sex, parenting, money and what the bible teaches about divorce and remarriage.

***Parenting.*** Children are a blessing from the Lord. This class helps parents and prospective parents to understand God's purpose for the family and how to raise children in a way that honors and glorifies God. Classes will also include helpful practical teaching about the differences in raising boy and girls, and the differences between the younger years and older ones.

***Financial Peace University.*** This class teaches people to handle money. The primary emphasis of the class is giving people a very practical strategy for taking control of their finances, getting out of debt, and learning how to give generously. *NOTE: THIS CLASS FOLLOWS DAVE RAMSEY'S CURRICULUM AND REQUIRES A \$100 REGISTRATION FEE PER COUPLE.* [Financial Peace Website](#)