

Formation for St. Luke 2015-2016

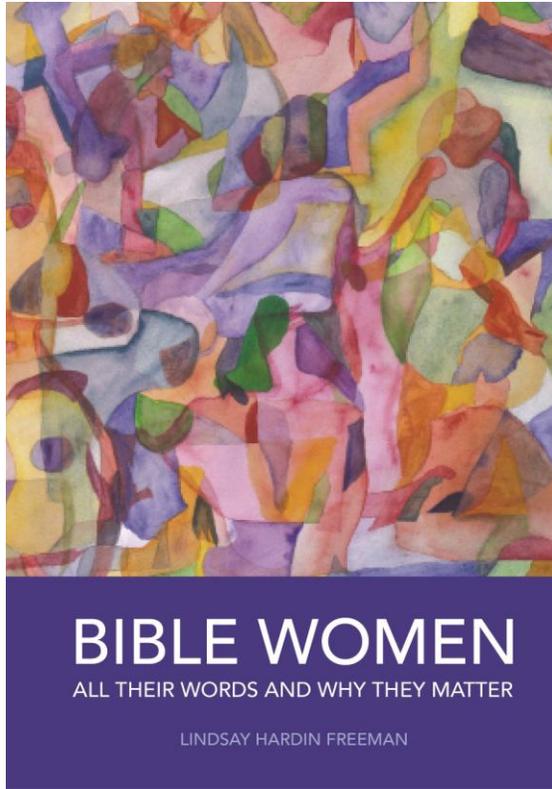
RALLY DAY September 13 Classes start September 20

Rally Day is just a month away. We have amazing team working for special plans for this day to honor starting back our formation classes. I wanted to give you a sneak preview of what we have planned for Adult formation.

The summer class on Bible Women started by ECW has been so successful with great discussion and a crowd each Sunday that we will continue this study for adults both men and women in the adult classroom.

Adult

Bible Women



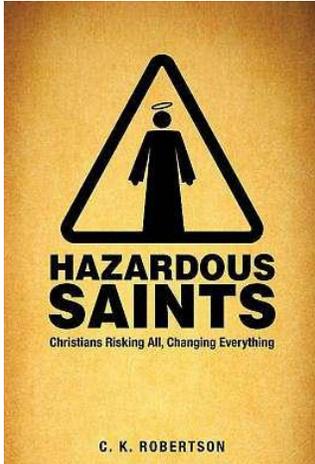
We will continue our study of Women of the Bible that we began this summer, studying what women first said in the Bible, their historical background, and the significance of their words starting with the Genesis stories. You will be surprised who speaks the most. We are using the book, *Bible Women*, written by an Episcopal priest, Lindsay Freeman. Step into God's sacred circle of grandmothers, warriors, and prophets, and you will not come out the same. For questions email Chris Schaefer glschaefer@sbcglobal.net or Joanna Seibert joannaseibert@me.com. Men as well as women of the church are welcome.

Young Adult For young adults we will start of with a class by Melissa Bacon on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, what our children our learning. This is an amazing presentation not just for parents but anyone interested in a different way of Sunday School for children (and for adults. As you know we can learn from our children.)

What Our Children are Learning in Sunday School Catechesis of Good Shepherd.

Melissa Bacon 4 weeks (out 9/27) September 20 to October 11

Join Melissa Bacon as she explores the work of the children provided in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atria here at St. Luke's. She will share lessons from each level and leave plenty of time for you to use the materials yourself. Your goal will be to abide in a place of wonder, letting the Holy Spirit guide the way.

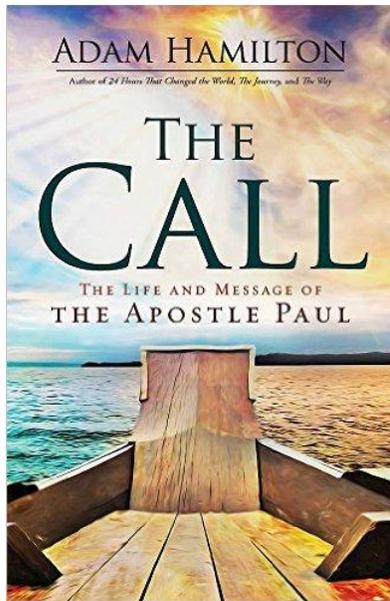


Next the Young Adults will study about some amazing saints in preparation for All Saints Day

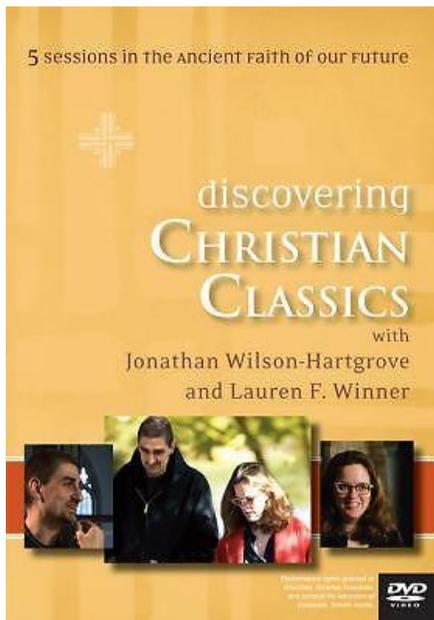
Hazardous Saints October 18 to November 22

6 week study of the lives of six Christian “saints” (who risked all for the sake of the gospel. Like Jesus, each of the featured leaders were change agents in their times: the Subversive Bridge-BUILDER, Barnabas; the Lovable Rebel, Francis of Assisi; the Tightrope Walker, Thomas Cranmer; the Persevering Prophet, Sojourner Truth; the Idealistic Realist, Dorothy Day; and the People’s Voice, Oscar Romero. Each session concludes with three possible endings, one for adult study groups, one for individuals, and one for vestries and other gatherings of church leaders. Illustrative slides promote conversation starters and interaction)

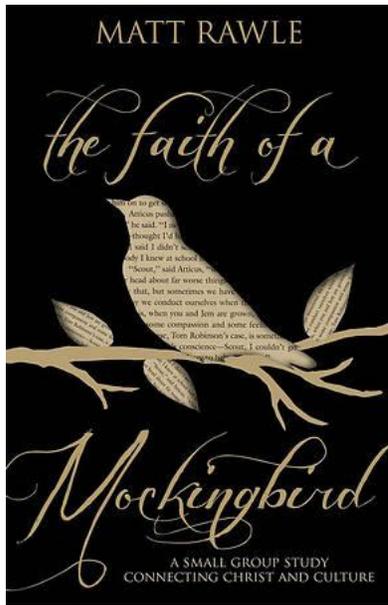
These are other studies for the young adults.



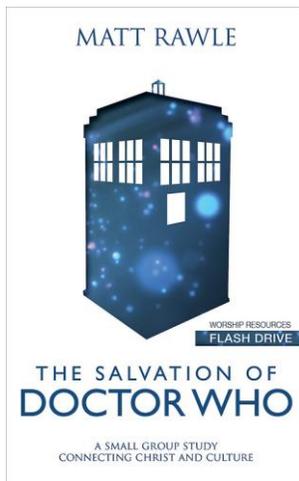
The Call Life and Message of Paul Adam Hamilton 6 sessions 10-17 minutes.
Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary. This six-session DVD features Adam Hamilton on location in modern-day Greece and Turkey, guiding us through a six-week Bible study tracing the travels and teachings of Paul.



Discovering Christian Classics 5 sessions on ancient faith of our future (desert fathers and mothers, St. John Chrysostom, St. Benedict's rule, cloud of unknowing, imitation of Christ)
Wilson-Hargrove Lauren Winner

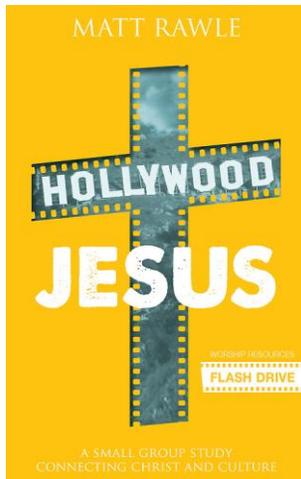


Faith of a Mockingbird explore Scout, Atticus Finch, Boo Radley, Tom Robinson in 4 week study of TKAM Matt Rawke (9/20)

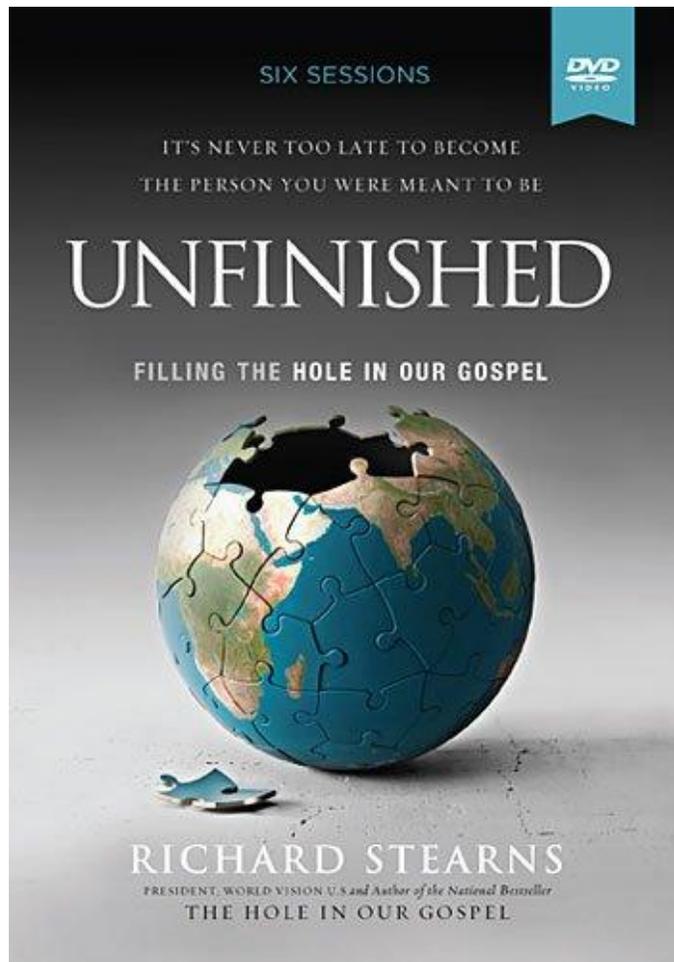


Salvation of Doctor Who 4 sessions Matt Rawle

Pastor and author Matt Rawle draws on the long-running TV show and cult favorite Doctor Who to chart the intersection of faith and science. Chapters include "Bigger on the Inside," "God and Time and God's Time," "The Oldest Question in the Universe," and "The Sonic Screwdriver Is Mightier Than the Sword."



Hollywood Jesus 4 sessions pastor and author Matt Rawle's study of Jesus and Christ figures in films including Cool Hand Luke, The Lion King, The Truman Show, and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. Explore what happens when script meets Scripture, when pop culture encounters the King of kings and Lord of lords.



Unfinished 6 sessions . Richard Stearns, believing in God is only beginning. Jesus' unfinished business

Just before he left, Jesus sent his followers into the world with a revolutionary mission: to change the world by proclaiming God's truth and demonstrating his incredible love. But the single task he gave us to accomplish remains *unfinished*.

In this six-session small group Bible study, bestselling author Rich Stearns takes you and your small group on a breathtaking journey to rediscover the critical mission of Christ in our world today and the richness of God's calling on our lives.

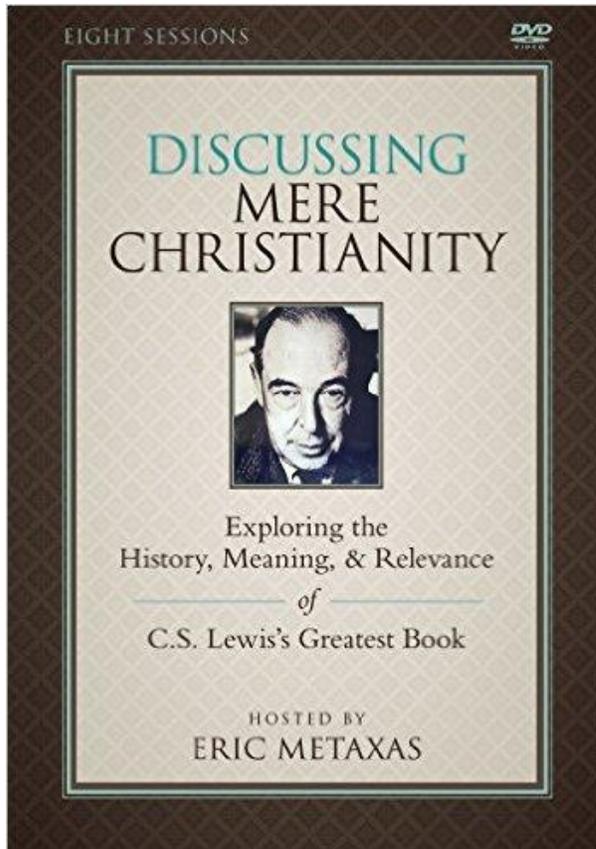
Why are you here, what is your purpose, and where do you fit in the bigger story that God is writing? How should your faith affect your career, your money, your families, and your life? And why does it matter? You will find your deepest purpose only when you discover the unique role God created for you to play in his unfolding story. The six sessions include: The Meaning of Life and Other Important Things, Magic Kingdom, Tragic Kingdom and the Kingdom of God, The Invitation of God, We Were Made For More, Spiritual Dominos, God's Great Adventure for Your Life

Advent

for Wednesday Suppers in Advent Carey will talk about the trip he is offering for St. Luke's to England and some of the sites he hopes to take us all to

Carey England





Mere Christianity

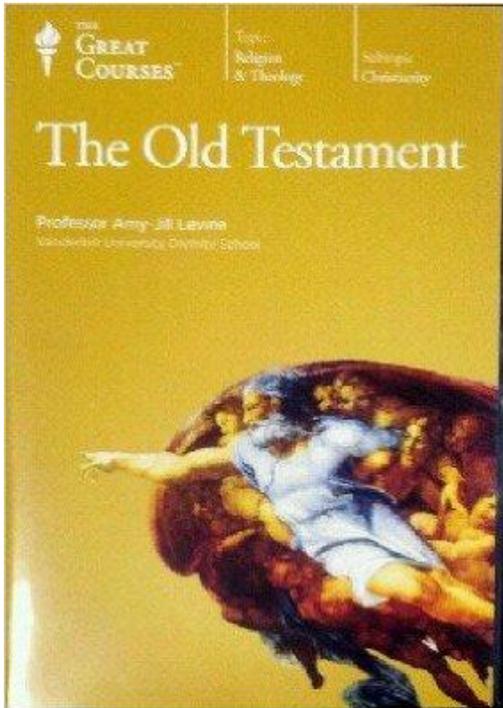
For Lent on Wednesday nights we are considering studying CS Lewis's Mere Christianity, a Christian Anglican Classic

8 week eric metaxis.. each video is about 20 minutes

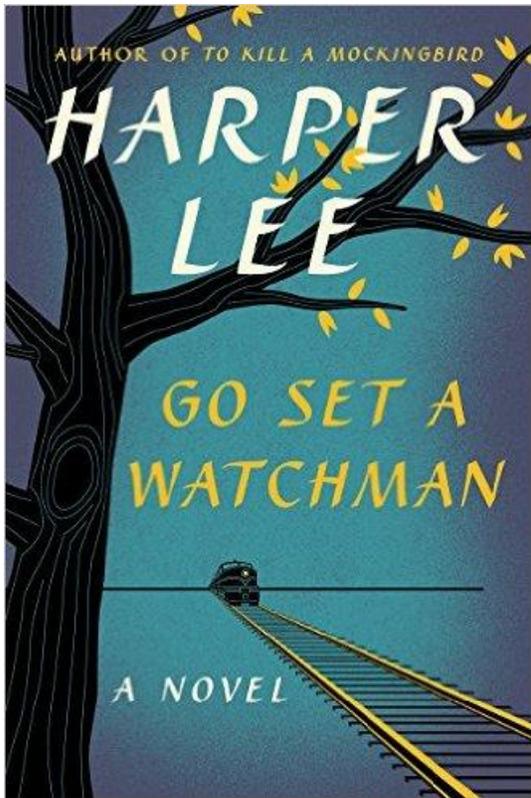
In this 8-session video group study, you will discover why *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis is one of the most read and beloved Christian books of all time. But seventy years later from when it was first delivered on radio, what relevance does it have to our world today? Host Eric Metaxas and a variety of Christian leaders (e.g. N.T. Wright, Tim Keller, Lauren Winner, Devin Brown, Paul McCusker, Douglas Gresham) help us understand the timeless message of C.S. Lewis in fresh ways for a new generation.

The first purpose of this video study is to explore the positive ideas that C.S. Lewis has so eloquently written about in *Mere Christianity* for those who already call themselves Christian. The second purpose is to explain in an engaging, winsome and non-threatening way the basic tenants of the Christian faith as illustrated by C.S. Lewis to those who do not claim to be Christian. *This study aims to fulfill the vision of C.S. Lewis of reaching people from all faith backgrounds.* Possible Lenten study

**Our Men's Group the Brotherhood of St. Andrew
Will continue to study the Old Testament
The Great Course: The Old Testament**



The Wednesday Book Study Joanna's House 27 river Ridge Road, Little Rock
10 to 11 am



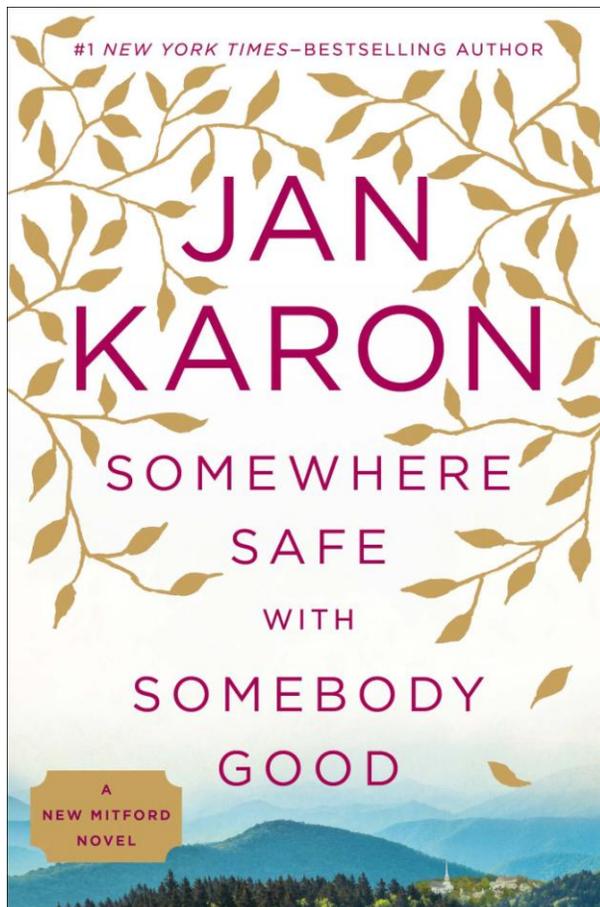
Go set a watchman Harper Lee

From Harper Lee comes a landmark new novel set two decades after her beloved Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Maycomb, Alabama. Twenty-six-year-old Jean Louise Finch—"Scout"—returns home from New York City to visit her aging father, Atticus. Set against the backdrop of the civil rights tensions and political turmoil that were transforming the South, Jean Louise's homecoming turns bittersweet when she learns disturbing truths about her close-knit family, the town, and the people dearest to her. Memories from her childhood flood back, and her values and assumptions are thrown into doubt. Featuring many of the iconic characters from *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Go Set a Watchman* perfectly captures a young woman, and a world, in painful yet necessary transition out of the illusions of the past—a journey that can only be guided by one's own conscience.

Written in the mid-1950s, *Go Set a Watchman* imparts a fuller, richer understanding and appreciation of Harper Lee. Here is an unforgettable novel of wisdom, humanity, passion, humor, and effortless precision—a profoundly affecting work of art that is both wonderfully evocative of another era and relevant to our own times. It not only confirms the enduring brilliance of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, but also serves as its essential companion, adding depth, context, and new meaning to an American classic.

Our next book will be a new one in the Mitford Series



Jan Karon, *Somewhere Safe with somebody Good*
New Mitford Novel

After five hectic years of retirement from Lord's Chapel, Father Tim Kavanagh returns with his wife, Cynthia, from a so-called pleasure trip to the land of his Irish ancestors.

While glad to be at home in Mitford, something is definitely missing: a pulpit. But when he's offered one, he decides he doesn't want it. Maybe he's lost his passion.

His adopted son, Dooley, wrestles with his own passion—for the beautiful and gifted Lace Turner, and his vision to become a successful country vet. Dooley's brother, Sammy, still enraged by his mother's abandonment, destroys one of Father Tim's prized possessions. And Hope Murphy, owner of Happy Endings bookstore, struggles with the potential loss of her unborn child and her hard-won business.

All this as Wanda's Feel Good Café opens, a romance catches fire through an Internet word game, their former mayor hatches a reelection campaign to throw the bums out, and the weekly *Muse* poses a probing inquiry: Does Mitford still take care of its own?

Millions of fans will applaud the chance to spend time, once more, in the often comic and utterly human presence of Jan Karon's characters. Indeed, they have never been more sympathetic, bighearted, and engaging.