

Fall Quarter Sunday School Electives  
September 1 – November 24

I Corinthians

Teacher: Joel Busenitz

First Corinthians is the second longest of all Paul's epistles, and yet it tends to be overlooked. Perhaps it's because some of the topics it raises we prefer to avoid. Subjects like what is the role of women in the church, or speaking in tongues, or church discipline, or division in the church. We will cover these as we move through, as well as enjoy the love chapter! Perhaps no book has more application to the modern American church than First Corinthians, and it will be beneficial to work through these topics and others from a scriptural perspective.

I & II Timothy

Teacher: Duane Loewen

Paul calls Timothy his 'true son in the faith.' He is one of Paul's closest disciples and friends, having ministered together with Paul throughout the missionary journeys. In these books, Paul shows us an important model of how to follow up and continue to disciple those he has mentored. Discipleship is more than just teaching or giving facts. It is a relationship. It is a lifestyle. In addition to discipleship, Paul gives us principles on how believers should live, both individually and corporately as a body, including topics on prayer, worship, church leadership, and false teachers.

Ecclesiastes

Teacher: Jerry McClenahan

We will spend September-November contemplating the strangest of Old Testament books. It is an enigma. It has baffled scholars by repeatedly stating "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity." Here the value of life is shown to be elusive and undefined. This book teaches us that the meaning of life is perplexing...complex and messy. We will be exposed to some of the activities and hopes through which we attempt to give our lives significance. The end will put it all right. At the end, when we stand before God as our Creator and Judge—all will be explained.

Many people find this book to be unsettling and many are unsure as to why the scriptures contain such a message.

It would be useful if class members could read the book before the third week.

The Beginning of Wisdom

Teacher: Lewis Plank

How do we become wise? The man who received wisdom from God wrote a book on this specific topic! Our study of Proverbs will shine the light of Solomon's theme, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," onto portraits of his characters such as the fool, the scoffer, or the wise man. By doing this, we can connect a heart attitude to their behaviors and gain insight into how our lives can better honor the Lord.

Spiritual Discernment

Teacher: Nick Williams

What is discernment? Why is it needed? Is it a gift received or a discipline to hone? What are the challenges to developing and practicing it? Join us as we seek to answer these questions and more.