

Influencers Small Group Leader Enrichment
Every other Tuesday starting 9/14/21 (12:00 Noon PST)
Zoom – Meeting ID: 994 5567 1102 – Passcode: Journey

1. Introduction

Kyle Phillips
Grace Fellowship

a. **September 14th**

Introduction

Objectives: To pour into Journey guides and co-guides. To connect with the greater church of Kern County. To introduce the four domains of ministry; systematic theology, biblical theology, spiritual formation, and practical theology.

2. The Trinity: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Wendell Vincent
Canyon Hills

a. **September 28th**

Systematic Theology

Objective: To explore the central revelation of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Co-equal, co-eternal, mutual submission as the model of Human community.

3. The Bible

Andrew Spradlin
Valley Baptist

a. **October 12th**

Biblical Theology

Objective: To gain an understanding of the unique role of the Bible in the life of the believer

Divinely inspired, written in the real world of history, not to us but for us, making it both immediately accessible and amazingly challenging, so that it never grows old. The Bible opens up a strange, new reality that changes Everything as the Lord speaks from its pages.

4. **Hearing the Voice**
a. **October 19th**
Spiritual Formation

Larry Green
Souly Business

Objective: To discover the key disciplines for developing a Heart able to discern the Lord's voice. Humility, Receptivity, Silence, Solitude, Community, and Discernment.

5. **Is your home in Order**
a. **November 9th**
Practical Theology

Pete McKenzie
Influencer/Southern California

What does it mean to have your home in order based on I Timothy 3: 4-5. How do these qualifications relate to our small group Leaders and who is qualified and disqualified?

6. **Baptism**
a. **November 16th**
The Why, When, and Importance

Jeff Gowling
The Bridge

7. **The Dual Nature of Christ**
a. **November 30th**
Systematic Theology

Eric Burns
Laurelglen Bible

Objective: To appreciate Jesus' identity as God and Man, Revealing God's grace and restoring God's image.

The early church worshipped Jesus from the very beginning as God-in-the-flesh, yet he was fully human modeling how God created us to be in the world.

8. **Life of Prayer**
a. **December 14th**
Practical Theology

Rocky Fleming
Influencers/Arkansas

Objective: To really challenge all listening to determine whether or Not they are in prayer, for the right reason, in the right way and in faith. Believing that God is listening, willing and able to engage with their prayers

9. The Life of Praise

a. **January 11th**
Spiritual Formation

Les Pearsey
Influencers/Kern County

Objective: To understand the purpose and the power of praising God in the believer's life.

Praise focuses our attention on God, opens us more completely to his presence, and invites him to reign in our lives and relationships.

10. Evangelism & Discipleship

a. **January 25th**
Practical Theology

Pete McKenzie
Influencers/Southern California

Objective: What are they and how do they work together for God's Glory? What is our responsibility as the church? Is evangelism a Spiritual gift and/or sacred responsibility for all believers?

11. The Person of the Holy Spirit

a. **February 8th**
Systematic Theology

Larry Green
Souly Business

Objective: To recognize the importance of the divine personhood of the Holy Spirit.

Far more than an impersonal power or force to be used by us, rather we are to be used by Him. The Holy Spirit bears witness to Jesus (John 15:26), convicts of sin (John 16:8), guides into all the truth (John 16:13), glorifies Jesus (John 16:14), and much, much more.

12. Authority in the Church

a. **February 15th**

Wendell Vincent
Canyon Hills

How does the church respond, whom do we serve?

13. **One Story, Two Testaments**

**Andrew Spradlin
Valley Baptist**

a. **February 22nd**

Biblical Theology

Objective: To understand how the New Testament fulfills the promise of the Old Testament and how the Old Testament is critical for rightly reading the New Testament.

After his resurrection, Jesus accompanied two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. As they traveled together, “beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself (Luke 24:27)”. The Old Testament gives foundational revelation about core truths that the New Testament writers draw upon to understand their new life in Christ and to proclaim the good news of the kingdom throughout their world.

14. **How to read the Bible:**

Rocky Fleming

Reading for relationship, not information Influencers/Arkansas

a. **March 8th**

Spiritual Formation

Objective: To discover and practice reading the Bible to hear the Lord’s voice.

All our lives we have learned to read material to master content, gain information, and know how to use the material goods at our disposal to make things happen. When we open the Bible, we are to read in a dramatically different way. When we read the Bible, we are not in charge, the Lord is. Our task is to hear his voice and respond faithfully.

15. **Divorce**

**Roger Spradlin
Valley Baptist**

a. **March 22nd**

Practical Theology

Objective: What does the bible say about divorce? How has cultural norms crept into the church and its teaching? If a man is divorced, can he serve in church leadership?

16. The Church: Who are we in Christ, anyway?

a. April 15th

Systematic Theology

Eric Burns
Laurelglen Bible

Objective: To understand the role of the church in God's plan saving restoration.

Paul prays a powerful prayer in the first chapter of Ephesians. In short, he prays that we might understand the power God wants to pour through us that we might be, and here is the mind-blowing part, nothing less that "the fulness of him who fills all in all (Ephesians 1:23)". Jesus did not save us to go to heaven when we die, but rather to be his active presence at work in the world today.

17. Homosexuality

a. April 19th

Spiritual Formation

Roger Spradlin
Valley Baptist

Objective: To hear God's word speak to us so we can learn how to hate what God hates and love what God loves.

18. Together Effect

a. May 3rd

Spiritual Formation

Kyle Phillips
Grace Fellowship

Objective: To challenge the belief that our life of faith is individualistic, when in actuality scripture calls us to be together. "All of you **together** are Christ's body" (I Corinthians 12:27).

"For where two or three are gathered **together** in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves **together**" (Hebrews 10:25).

"That **together** you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:6).

