

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer

Last year, we engaged in the 24-week study of the Bible offered by this publisher, and it was amazing! It was also very long which is why many were not able to participate.

This shorter DVD study will cover the major points that the longer study covered and will provide a great foundation for understanding how the Bible is structured. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand how it relates to your everyday life. You will discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments. It will help you hear the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass with a whole new understanding. You will see how the sacraments, the Church, and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture.

Course Fee: \$20

Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

by Bishop Robert Barron

Join Bishop Barron for this engaging DVD presentation concerning the 7 deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and with one another.

Based on Dante’s writings, the 7 deadly sins correspond to the 7 stories of Dante’s Mt. Purgatory. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. However, Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the “seven lively virtues,” offering antidotes to each sin and helping to set us on the right path to healing and happiness.

Course Fee: \$15

A Biblical Walk through the Mass

by Dr. Edward Sri

Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience.

Course Fee: \$20

Lenten Book Study: Essential Writings

by Fr. James Martin, SJ

Gathered here together for the first time are selections from the writings of James Martin, S.J., the nation's most well-known Catholic priest and spiritual writer. He offers reflections and insights on everything from prayer to depression to sexuality to finding one's individual path to holiness. Along the way he introduces the reader to saints and sages ranging from Thomas Merton to Mother Teresa to his wise nephew Charles.

"These selections -- funny, engaging, heartfelt, and deeply insightful -- show Jim Martin at his very best. Like his own spiritual master, Thomas Merton, Fr. Martin allows his readers not only to enter into the thought-world of Catholicism, but also to feel its texture. Religious seekers of all stripes and persuasions will find something in these pages to savor." -- Bishop Robert Barron, Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Course Fee: \$20

Book Club Selection

The Well Women – Crossing Boundaries,

by Ladine Housholder

Former members of a study group are reunited on a tour to the historic site of Jacob’s Well where Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman. Kay is the color-coded super organizer; Ruth, a comedian with Kleenex and empathy; Alicia is the brainiac with a dark secret; Inez, foodie with an accent; Corinne, gentle voice in the moonlight; Beth, nurse with a sore heart; and Vicky, home alone again and again. Then there is Julia, with a caustic complaint for every occasion; whereas Norma is cheerful in the face of death. At the Well, they not only meet Najila, modern Samaritan tour guide, and her family, they also meet themselves and each other.

Throughout this tour of life, healing, and history, you will be treated to a rich tapestry of details about the people, sights, shops and food of the Middle East.

Book Club Selection

Thrift Store Saints: Meeting Jesus 25¢ at a Time,

by Jane Knuth

Jane Knuth’s middle-class, suburban, church-going background had not prepared her well to serve as a volunteer at an inner-city thrift store. Reluctantly, she decided to give it a try. *Thrift Store Saints* is a collection of true stories based on Jane’s unexpected, soul-stirring experiences at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store in Michigan. She begins to see the poor served there, one at a time, in a completely different light—as saints who can lead us to the heart of Christ.

Jane’s transformation is rooted in the prevailing message of the book: When we serve the poor, they end up giving us much more than we could ever give *them*. Each chapter introduces readers to new “saints,” as Jane thoughtfully, at times humorously, describes how her frequent encounters with the poorest people were really opportunities to meet Jesus—25¢ at a time.