

## ▶ The Men's Class – Difficult Passages in Scripture

**Teacher:** Bob Williams

Many passages in Scripture are challenging, not because they are hard to understand, but because, at first glance, they appear to be understandable but they are often difficult to apply. Some examples found in Philippians might be, "...count others more significant than yourselves." or "Do all things without grumbling or disputing.." or "Rejoice in the Lord always..." In this class, we will explore some of these difficult passages found in the Epistles authored by Paul, Peter, James & John. We will study them in the context of the passage and in the context in the Bible as a whole and then discuss together how to live-out these truths in our culture and in our lives.

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*\* This class is for men only so that we can address the unique issues facing Christian men today by sharing in an open and secure environment.*

## ▶ Pray Always

**Teacher:** Mark Lancaster

During the Sunday School hour, we will gather to talk to the Lord. There will be a short lesson or scripture reading, then we will pray for what anyone would like to bring. Whether you pray out loud or to yourself, you will find others who believe that praying together and praying regularly are important.

**Room:** 219

## ▶ The Gospel of Mark

**Teacher:** Kelly Dunn

The Gospel of Matthew is written to Jews telling them that Jesus is the Messiah King who fulfills Old Testament prophecy. Mark is written to Romans telling them that Jesus is the Suffering Servant who actively ministers on our behalf and gives His life as a ransom for any. Luke is written to Greeks telling them that Jesus is the perfect Son of Man who came to save and minister to all people through the power of the Holy Spirit. John is written to the world, telling that Jesus is the fully human, fully divine Son of God in whom we must believe to have eternal life.

The Gospel of Mark is fast-moving and hard hitting! By the far the shortest of the four Gospels, it is noted as much for what it omits as what it includes. In Mark there is no genealogy of Jesus, no miraculous birth narrative with Bethlehem and shepherds, no childhood at Nazareth or visit to the temple, no Sermon on the Mount, and few parables.

To summarize, Mark recorded in rapid fire succession, specific events from the life and ministry of Jesus to prove to a Roman audience that He is the Christ, the Son of God, who served, suffered, died, and rose again as the Suffering Servant of the Lord depicted by the prophet Isaiah.

**Room:** 217-218

## ▶ College and Career

**Teacher:** Derek Williams & Eric Adams

College and Career will be looking at "Hot Topics", studying what the Bible says about them and discussing what the Christian response has been and should/could be.

Come and be a part of the story!

**Room:** 220

## ▶ The Power of One Word: A Study of Philippians

**Teachers:** Beth Armstrong

If we were to sum up the book of Philippians in one word, it very well might be joy. Despite being in prison when he wrote it, Paul's letter is an uplifting, encouraging message to this body of believers. There was no crisis or deep doctrinal dilemma at the time. Just a spontaneous utterance of joy. It's joyful, and Jesus-filled. Because the book is so familiar and often quoted, our main thrust will be in the Message Translation, steadying ourselves in other translations as we go. We'll sum up each lesson with one word—one powerful word to focus on and challenge us throughout the week.

**Room:** Fellowship Hall