

DISCIPLE

Bible Study

DISCIPLE Bible Study is a disciplined, in-depth, discussion-based, Bible study designed for adults of all ages. Study groups are made up of 8-12 participants led by one (*sometimes two*) facilitators, who covenant together to read the Bible daily and to meet weekly as a group for about 3 hours over the course of 32 to 34 weeks.

The DISCIPLE program draws upon the work of scholars and theologians to aid in the understanding of the Bible. A study manual guides the daily reading of scripture and provides expert commentary. Thought-provoking discussion questions from the leader's guide promote both learning and life application.

At the end of the study, participants discuss the call they feel God has on their lives. They counsel one another about their demonstrated abilities, gifts, and skills--and they guide one another into possible areas of Christian service and/or ministry.

The DISCIPLE I study, the prerequisite for all other DISCIPLE Bible Studies, covers the entire Biblical story from Genesis to Revelation. Subsequent studies take DISCIPLE graduates deeper into selected portions of Scripture.

Meeting times: DISCIPLE Bible Study at Blackman UMC usually runs from late August or early September thru late May or early June. Meeting days and times are selected by the group participants at the orientation meeting prior to the beginning of each new class.

DISCIPLE I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study is offered annually.

Subsequent DISCIPLE studies are offered on a rotating basis, determined by the interest of DISCIPLE graduates eager to learn more.

For more information, see Betsy Williams or pastor@blackmanumc.com

Descriptions of all 4 Disciple Bible Studies

DISCIPLE BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY	DISCIPLE INTO THE WORD, INTO THE WORLD	DISCIPLE REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE	DISCIPLE UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE
Disciple I <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A thirty-four-week study for adult groups• Moves through the Biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem (Genesis – Revelation)• Features small-group discussion of Scripture based on careful study and preparation• Aims at transformation, not just information• Completion of Disciple I is the prerequisite to all other Disciple Bible Studies	Disciple II <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A thirty-two-week study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts• Continues the familiar Disciple format• Teaches basic study skills for going deeper into Scripture• Links Bible study to witness and service in the world• Emphasizes the practice of spiritual disciplines & keeping the Sabbath	Disciple III <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A thirty-two-week study of the Prophets and Paul's letters• Identifies God's people as a community of memory• Sets the Prophets and Paul's writings in historical and geographical context• Includes helpful maps and charts to make Biblical history come alive	Disciple IV <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A thirty-two-week study of the Writings (Old Testament books such as Psalms, Proverbs, etc.) and the Gospel of John and Revelation• Final study in the four-phase Disciple Bible Study• Addresses community and the individual life• Taps into the power of the Psalms with a psalm of the week• Shows the distinctive character of the Gospel of John