



Welcome to Women's Bible Study

A Ministry of Autumn Ridge Church

September 15, 2010

Please turn off cell phones as a courtesy to our speakers. Thank You!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NAME TAGS:** Please wear the disposable name tag provided today. Next week you will be given a permanent WBS nametag. Please plan to wear this each week so we can get to know each other by name.
- **THANK YOU!!!!** We express our appreciation to Kenna Baber, Debbie Anderson, Laura Maher and Linda Pagenkopf for their help with planning, preparing, and serving our kickoff brunch and dinner. Also a big THANK YOU to the ARC Facilities Staff for their support today and throughout the year.
- **WBS AM CHILD CARE:** Please be courteous to our workers and pick your children up when our time is completed at 11:00. There is no cost for childcare.
- **WBS PM CHILD CARE:** Children age 4 and older can be registered for Kids' Club for \$35. Children age 3 and younger can take advantage of the nursery which is free of charge.
- **SMALL GROUPS** will be assigned by next week for both morning and evening. Please watch from an email from your leaders after Sunday.
- **WEEKLY PREPARATION:** Please set aside time during the week BEFORE each lecture to read the passage and do any study/discussion questions to be able to participate well as a group member.
- **ALL WBS WEEKLY MATERIALS:** Announcement/outline page, discussion/study questions, and the printed lecture notes are available on our website listed below.
- **QUESTIONS DURING THE WEEK:** Contact Michelle Johnson, ARC Women's Ministry Assistant and WBS Administrative Assistant, 288-8880 or michellej@aridge.org or e-mail us at: wbs@autumnridgechurch.org

Dear Friends,

Welcome back to Bible study! I am ready to get back into the rhythm of community and study that our fall Women's Bible Study brings.

This fall brings some change to the Bible study. For many, many years we've had a four person teaching team consisting of me, Jann Wright, Lorie Dahlstrom and Michelle Harris. All three of my fellow teachers have good reasons to reduce their teaching load a bit this year, which gives an opportunity for others to teach. I'm very pleased that our guest teaching roster during the fall will include Jacqui Stahl and Juli Fischer, and in the spring, we'll also hear from Myrna Holmes, Robin Kaufmann and Angie Pankratz. In addition, I'll be teaching more frequently than I have done in recent years.

I'm looking forward with great anticipation to see what God reveals about himself and us through our study of the Ten Commandments. First, I'm thankful that while these give us helpful guidelines for life and moral decisions, they are not a set of rules we have to keep to please God. On the contrary, we already know we can't keep them. Jesus Christ is the one whose righteousness on our behalf makes us acceptable to a holy God.

But I'm still glad that we have them, because they show us God's standards and character. They were important to Christ, who said he came to fulfill the law, not abolish it. During the next several weeks, try to read Exodus 20:1-21 several times, to get them in your mind before we study them individually.

Welcome, and look around you. I hope the women you see around you will become dear to you as friendships grow over the coming months.

Warmly,

Gretchen Steer

If you are NEW to Women's Bible Study today or have not registered, please visit us at the registration table so we can place you in a small group (AM) or at a table group (PM) for next week.



Women's Bible Study Weekly Outline

Today's Lecture from Exodus 20:1-3 is by *Gretchen Steer*
App #1: *GOD FIRST*

The Context of the Commandments

- A God who seeks
- A God who saves

The Content of the First Commandment

- First in our Affections
- First in our Treasure
- First in our Activities
- First in our Motivation

The Consequence of the First Commandment

- I'm not in charge
- I'm free of fear

CHURCH EVENTS:

- **ArchWay Membership Classes** – begin this weekend in the Wesley Room and continue for the next four weeks. If you want to learn more about Autumn Ridge Church or would like to consider church membership, please email or contact Pastor Andy Kumpel at 507-288-8880 or andy@aridge.org.
- **Food 4 Friends** – The food of the month is Peanut Butter and Jelly. Please drop off donated items in the ministry center or at the ARC reception Desk.
- **Simplify Your Life: Get organized and Stay that Way** – Come on **Monday, October 4, from 7:00-9:00 PM**, and hear professional organizer, author, and speaker Marcia Ramsland provide tips and Biblical principles to help deal with the endless paper trail, a limited time for tasks on hand, the infamous “to-do” list, and a real lack of down time in our lives. Cost is \$10 and includes dessert/coffee. Register on-line at www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org.

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