

WELCOME TO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A MINISTRY OF AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH



*As a courtesy to our speakers, please turn cell phones off or set to vibrate.
Thank You!*

Dear Friends,

Some of you heard on Sunday that my husband recently decided to clean the master bathroom by power washing the tub and shower. A power washer is like a dentist's water pick magnified many, many times. It's strong enough to strip paint off a board. Water sprays everywhere from the point of contact.

Now this would not have been my first choice. On the other hand, I have tried every chemical substance and a razor blade to remove the hard water buildup which comes from our iron-rich well water. So why not? A few minutes later the rust stains were gone. Of course, there were also a few inches of water on the bathroom floor, flecks of stuff on the walls, ceiling, mirrors and light fixtures, and the good bathroom towels on the floor sopping up the overflow. But hey, it worked!

This was a "thinking out of the box" solution. And thinking out of the box is what we will try to do this fall as we look at the names of Jesus and their reflection of his character. You see, most of us have a mental picture of Jesus which is quite one-dimensional. However we visualize Christ, it probably doesn't do justice to the range of beauty and power that the scriptures use to describe him.

What difference does that make in my day to day life? If I see Jesus as the light of the world, it will be easier to shine his light into my tangled family relationships. If I see Jesus as the good shepherd, it will be easier to trust him for the protection of those I love.

To learn about Jesus we're going look at the question he poses to us... Who do you say I am? This first week looks at Peter's response to that question. I hope that each week will bring increasing clarity to our own answer.

Welcome back! We're looking forward to a great semester.

Affectionately,

Gretchen Steer

**If you are new to Women's Bible Study today and have not registered,
please visit us at the registration table.
We would like to place you in a small group for next week.**

September 14, 2011

Announcements

- ☞ **NAME TAGS:** Please wear the disposable name tag provided at your place setting today. Permanent name tags will be available in your small groups next week.
- ☞ **THANK YOU!!!** We express our deep appreciation to Kenna Baber, Debbie Anderson, Laura Maher, and Linda Pagenkopf for their help planning, preparing, and serving our meal today. We also are grateful to the ARC facilities staff for their ongoing support today and throughout the year.
- ☞ **WBS AM CHILD CARE:** Once again, we ask you to be courteous to our childcare workers and pick up your children when our morning session ends at 11:00 am. Feel free to talk in the halls *AFTER* you have retrieved your children. Our children's program is free of charge.
- ☞ **WBS PM CHILD CARE:** Children 4 years and older can participate in our Kids' Club program for a suggested donation. Nursery for children 0-3 is available free of charge. Please be courteous to our evening volunteers and gather your children immediately when our evening session is over at 8:00 pm.
- ☞ **SMALL GROUPS & TABLE GROUPS:** Groups for both morning and evening will be assigned next week. Please look for an email from your leaders after Sunday. We will have group lists available next week to help you find your discussion rooms.
- ☞ **WEEKLY PREPARATION:** Please set aside time *BEFORE* each weekly lecture and group time to do any homework necessary to participate well in your groups each week.
- ☞ **ALL WBS WEEKLY MATERIALS:** The announcement/outline page, questions, and printed lecture materials are available on our website listed below. Questions will be posted one week in advance of the lecture. Announcement page and lectures will be posted by Thursday at noon following the weekly lecture.
- ☞ **QUESTIONS DURING THE WEEK:** Please contact Michelle Johnson, ARC Women's Ministries administrative assistant, at johnson.michelle@autumnridgechurch.org or at the church office at 288-8880 if you need further assistance.

Who Do YOU Say I AM?

A Study of the Names and Character of Christ

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? (MARK 8:27-38)

Today's speaker is Gretchen Steer



I. The Question (v. 27)

II. The Answer (v. 28-30)

III. The Consequence (v. 31-33)

IV. The Cost (v. 34-38)

V. Who do you say I am?

A. We see the cross _____.

B. We see our sin and _____.

C. We _____.

- ❑ **The Center Kickoff Event** takes place this weekend, September 17-18. Purchase tickets for the celebration lunch online.
- ❑ **Marriage Events:**
 - * **Financial Peace University** taught by Dave Ramsey begins September 24 and 25. This is a 13-week video curriculum which includes a family lifetime membership with access to mp3's/CD's, worksheets, and continued teaching via the web. Mr. Ramsey uses humor, personal examples, and easy explanation to encourage you to get out of debt, build wealth, and give more. Cost of class is \$99. Register online at www.autumnridgechurch.org.
 - * **Marriage Enrichment Weekend** October 7-9 at Elizabeth Lodge. This retreat is designed for you to experience spiritual and emotional growth in your marriage and discuss marriage topics with marriage mentors. Space is limited. Cost is \$30/couple and includes all meals. To register, visit www.autumnridgechurch.org.
- ❑ **Women of Faith Conference October 21-22 in St. Paul:** Join women from the Rochester area for a weekend of experiencing God's amazing love. Hear inspirational speakers Luci Swindoll, Lisa Smith, Sheila Walsh, and Angie Smith and Dove award musical artist Natalie Grant. Package prices include: entrance tickets to Friday and Saturday sessions, box lunch for both days, bus transportation from ARC, and overnight accommodations. Contact Karen Rucker for more information at women@autumnridgechurch.org or register online at www.autumnridgechurch.org.
- ❑ **Archways Membership Class:** is currently taking place during fall weekend classes for the next 3 weeks. More class details are available in the lobby or call the church office at 288-8880.
- ❑ **A Class on Biblical Parenting** will be presented by our children's and young adult pastors, Pat Wester and Andy Kumpel, on October 1 from 9-10 am. Parents will learn how to infuse biblical character and values into children. This class is required for child dedications. Register at www.autumnridgechurch.org.
- ❑ **Movie Night September 30th: 7 PM** showing of *Courageous* at Wehrenberg Theaters. Purchase discounted tickets priced at \$7.25 online by September 28 for this special ARC group showing by visiting www.autumnridgechurch.org/events/movie.



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