

# women's bible study

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Dear Friends,

We've reached the end of #whenlifestinks! Sadly, I don't think that means that we will stop suffering and experiencing hardship in the future, but I hope that what we've learned together from Job and 1st Peter over the past ten weeks of study will strengthen us and make us more able to deal with trials in the future.

It's my pleasure today to wrap up 1st Peter with the fifth chapter – Supporting the Suffering. It's a sweet little chapter, full of encouragement, and I pray it will help us to continue on faithfully following our Great Shepherd, Jesus.

Next week you will enjoy brunch or dessert with your life group. Please check with your leaders today so you know where your group is meeting. Childcare and the children's program is still provided even if you are offsite.

We then have a break from December 20 through January 10, and come back together on Wednesday, January 17 for our spring series, So That You May Believe, from the gospel of John. If for any reason you'd like to try a different small group in the spring, just go along to the new group on January 17, or speak with Jennifer Ouren about what might be a good fit for you. People change groups for all sorts of good reasons – perhaps you just need a change, or you have a friend you'd like to join in another group. Your group leaders won't be offended, I promise!

Thanks for your generosity in giving an offering over the past couple of weeks for the work of Bible study. Your gifts help us provide notes, refreshments, and childcare. You can still give if you'd like – just hand your offering to Jennifer Ouren.

We've got something special going on at the very start of Bible study morning and evening, so please be on time in the sanctuary or Common Grounds!

Your friend,  
Gretchen Steer

## **Job & 1 Peter: #whenlifestinks**

Dec 13—Life Group Gatherings  
(AM and PM childcare available)

## **WBS 2018 Winter/Spring begins 01/17/18**

We are excited to let you know we are studying **The Gospel of John: So That You May Believe** starting **Wednesday, January 17th, 2018**. If you attended the first half of the year, there is NO need to register again. But, if you would like to try a different Life Group, just stop by the registration table and speak with Jennifer Ouren.

## **A Time for Women**

Next meeting is **Thursday, December 14th** in the Summit Room. There will be a devotional by Deb Mueske: "When God Finds You in Darkness" and a demo on wool applique. We hope you can join us! Looking ahead...The next meeting in the new year will be January 11, 2018.

# Notes: 1 Peter 5

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## I. Follow the Shepherd

- Role of undershepherds
- Reward of undershepherds
- Reality of getting along
- Relationship to the suffering

## II. Resist the Accuser

- God protects you
- God strengthens you

## III. Look to the Future

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