

women's bible study

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Dear Friends,

Today we are looking at a story about Jesus healing a man born blind, from John chapter 9. It is a great illustration of his statement in chapter 8 last week: "I am the Light of the World." Because we are covering both chapter 9 and 10 this week, please remember to have your Bibles open to the passage during the lecture because there are too many verses to display on the screens.

Chapter 10 contains two more of Jesus' seven "I am" statements from the gospel of John. We have already heard Jesus state "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), and "I am the light of the world (John 8:12). This week in chapter 10 he says "I am the gate" (John 10:7) and "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11,14). The remaining three are "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25); "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6) and "I am the true vine" (John 15:1). These are meant to give us a clearer picture of who Jesus is and what he does. I hope we can walk away from John 9-10 with a greater understanding of why Jesus picked "the gate" and "the good shepherd" to describe his work on earth.

If you haven't signed up for the Spring Fling, don't miss your chance—today is the last day. It's this Saturday night, March 17, and you can see Jennifer Ouren for tickets. I think it will be a wonderful time of laughter and memories, not to mention good food and friendship!

We also have Devoted Hearts coming up next month and that, as always, promises to be a fulfilling weekend for women. I'm glad you're here at Bible study today and hope that God blesses you through his word and his people.

Your friend,
Gretchen Steer

The Gospel of John

March 21—John 11 (Jann Wright)
March 28—John 12 (Angie Pankratz)
April 4—No Lecture: Spring Break
April 11—John 13-14 (Juli Fischer)

Spring Fling 2018 * *Last Day to Register* *

Today is the last day to register for this event. Stop by the registration table to pay by check/cash or register on-line by 3:00 pm at www.autumnridgechurch.org/springfling

Hire-A-Student

Many ARC 6-12 grade students are eager to work hard to **raise funds for their mission trips** this summer. Be a part of the blessing by hiring a student for a job you need done! Hire-A-Student cards can be picked up at WBS registration table and dropped off same location or to the church receptionist. Thanks! If you have further questions, contact Angie Pankratz.

Volunteers Needed

On March 16th the Student Ministry Team will be hosting our 6th annual Spring Formal at 6:30 p.m. for Middle & High School Students. It is a really fun evening of food, entertainment, and community building where students dress up and bring their friends. In order to make it happen, we need your help! On Thursday afternoon, March 15, from 12:30-2:30, Chef Craig will be doing some kitchen prep (veggies and fruit kabobs) and could use some assistants. He also could use your helping hands to make chocolate dipped strawberries on Friday morning March 16 from 10-12. If you are able and willing, there is a sign up sheet at the registration table. Know we appreciate you considering, and if you have questions, feel free to ask **Jann Wright or Kara Durgin.**

Notes: John 9-10

I. Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind (John 9)

The man's reaction

The Pharisees' reaction

The parents' reaction

Jesus' response

II. Jesus Describes Himself (John 10)

I am the Gate

I am the Good Shepherd

I and the Father are One

I am God's Son

III. Postscript

Jesus returns to the place of his baptism

Notes:

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