

Welcome

Ladies Bible Study is a ministry of GracePoint Church, Whiteland, Indiana. We serve the women of GracePoint church and all other interested women. The goal and heartfelt desire of this ministry is to teach the word of God, assist in the spiritual growth of women, and support fellowship, through guided Bible Studies.

In our Bible Studies we use the Authorized King James Bible. We believe it is the only translation that is based upon the pure manuscripts and is perfectly preserved without error. We interpret the Scriptures according to 2Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." God has established differences and divisions in His Word which are called dispensations. A dispensation is a God-revealed body of information that was given in a particular period of time for man's obedience. We realize that God deals differently with man at different times.

Our Spring 2023 Bible Study is "Zechariah, the Minor Prophet" (by Debbie Eads). It is a study of the prophecies of Zechariah, the Minor Prophet who lived during the time when the exiled Jews returned to Jerusalem following the Seventy Years when they were taken captive to Babylon. We will learn how the Jews were motivated and encouraged by the prophecies of Zechariah, and other minor prophets, to rebuild the Temple and restore Jerusalem.

Blessings,
Ladies Bible Study Ministry

Debbie Eads, Teacher

Leadership Team:

Bobbie Burress –	Discussion Group Leader
Karen Cundiff–	Discussion Group Leader
Debby Shirley –	Discussion Group Leader
Danabeth Fleming-	Substitute Group Leader
June Cretors –	Team Support
Lynn Crist -	Administrative Support

General Information for Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday Day & ONLINE Class

Bible Study Start & End Dates:

1. Classes begin: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (9:30 – 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall)
Classes end: Wednesday, May 10, 2023
Spring Break: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 (classes will not meet)
2. **Location:** The Wednesday Day Class will first meet in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies will then go to their discussion groups. Following their group discussion time all ladies return to the Fellowship Hall for the teacher's review over the main points of the lesson. An Online (Independent Study) class is also available.

In the event we must cancel the Wednesday Day class:

3. In case of bad weather we will cancel class. If the weather is bad when you get up, check your messages. **Make sure that your group leader knows the best way to notify you in case we cancel.** Your Discussion group leader will keep you posted.

Our Online Classes:

4. We encourage our online ladies to stay current with each week's lesson. However, the online study is different from the Day class because it is an independent study. This means that you will not be placed in a group nor will you receive weekly messages from a LBS leader. It is becoming harder to manage the large size of the online class. However, if you are interested in being part of an Online Zoom class please contact Becky Thaxton (317-903-2493). If you have any questions about the Study please contact Debbie Eads (317-775-9576).

Day class participation:

5. It's important that you make every effort to come to class to get the most out of Bible study. You truly will be missed if you're not there! **if you must be absent, notify your group leader.** Also, if an illness or other problem is the cause of your absence, let her know how she can pray for you. You are a valued lady in Bible study.
6. **When you return from your group discussion time, pick up a copy of the Teachers Review on the table just inside the door.** You will need one to follow the teacher's review of that week's lesson.
7. **PLEASE return to the Fellowship Hall for the teacher's review promptly at 10:45 AM .**The teacher needs 45 minutes to review the main points of the week's lesson. Since we end our study by 11:30am it's important to get started on time so we can finish on time. Doing so is respectful of other's time and commitments. Also, we are taping the teacher's Review for the Online class, so please be conscious of walking in front of the camera which is at the back of the room. Thank you for your cooperation in this, we appreciate it!

8. **If you must miss a class** you can watch the teacher's Review that week along with the ONLINE class. The instructions on how to access the lesson video and print a copy of the teacher's Review are below. The lesson video for that week should be up on the website by the next day, which is Thursday (barring technical difficulties).

Instructions to access the Lesson video and print a copy of the Teacher's Review:

Online Information

1. Access the Grace Point website at gpindy.net
2. Select (click) on the Ministries tab
3. Select (click) The Right Path Ladies Bible Study
4. Choose the appropriate lesson video. Below the Lesson video you will be able to select the teacher's Review and print a copy.

9. **Note:** If you don't have a printer you can get a copy of the teacher's Review at the Information desk. The Information desk is across from the Welcome Center just in front of the window in the Lobby. Extra copies of the teacher's Review for each week's lesson video will be in a brown leather accordion binder which is on the shelf of the Information desk. If you need help ask one of the ladies at the Welcome Center. Also, if you do not have a printer and are unable to pick up a copy each week, please call the church office (317-535-3512) and we will mail them to you.
10. **Your Consideration:** All of us in the Ladies Bible Study ministry are in prayer about the Study and for each lady attending. We pray that we as leaders would follow the Lord's leading. We ask that you be patient should we forget something or make a mistake. That being said, please feel free to express your questions or concerns to either your group leader or to the teacher. We do care and we do want to help because we want this Study to honor God.
11. **Please come to Bible Study expecting** to learn more about God and expecting to connect with the other ladies. Let that be your attitude. Prayerfully put the daily stresses of life out of your mind and let this time of Bible Study be solely focused on what matters most of all – the eternal things of God. You'll be blessed!
12. **Group Discussion time:** While you will not be called upon for your answer to a question, we encourage you to participate because doing so is the best way for you to learn and to connect with the other ladies in your group. Everyone has something to contribute. Understand also that your leader may need to limit some discussion however, in order to finish on time.
13. **Your Adversary:** Our adversary the devil will oppose you as you make Bible Study a priority. He is very clever in the ways he goes about this too. He always attacks the Word of God and he does not want you to grow in God's Word. So make up your mind right now that you will stand and fight Satan's attempts to distract and derail you in this venture to know God better through His Word!

CLASS SCHEDULE: Wednesday DAY Class:

Start & End:	Start at 9:30am; End at 11:30am
9:30 – 9:45a	Welcome, announcements, sharing, opening prayer
9:45 – 9:50a	Dismiss to Discussion groups
9:50 – 10:35a	Discussion Group time
10:35 – 10:45a	Dismiss to Teacher's Review in the Fellowship Hall
10:45 – 11:30a	Teacher's Review

Study: "Zechariah, the Minor Prophet"

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STUDY RESOURCES/LESSON MATERIALS**STUDY RESOURCES**

The following is a list of the materials I used during my study of "Zechariah, The Minor Prophet":

1. Authorized King James Bible.
2. **Books:** Malachi, Zechariah, Haggai, by J. Vernon McGee; Minor Prophets, by H.A. Ironside; Rebuild & Renew, The Post-Exilic Books, by Ralph F. Wilson; New Unger's Bible Dictionary; **Pamphlets:** "A Very Simply Survey of the Bible", by Keith R. Blades; Bible Study Syllabuses, by Pastor James Devney.
3. **Websites:** "The Amazing Name Zacharias: meaning and etymology" by abarim-publications.com; "Regemmelech in the Bible" by abrim-publications.com (Zechariah 7:2), "Who is Ezra in the Bible?" by Christianity.com

Note concerning internet websites: I have found the websites for the following ministries helpful in finding commentary by pastors and teachers who rightly divide the Scriptures: the Berean Bible Society (Kevin Sadler), Forgotten Truths (Richard Jordon, Tom Bruscha), Enjoy the Bible ministries (Keith Blades), Les Feldick Ministries, and Grace Ambassadors (Justin Johnson).

LESSON FORMAT

Before you begin your Study please note the format of the Study Materials:

1. Before you begin to answer a Question read all the parts (A, B). Questions are sometimes divided into parts to help you from missing a detail. The question is sometimes broken into parts to help you consider everything in that scripture verse.
2. Each Lesson contains a Cover Sheet and Lesson Questions.
3. Each Lesson Question will show the Scripture to read in order to answer the question.
4. If you have a problem with a question you can either call your group leader or wait until your group discussion. Don't let it trouble you! It's a common part of any Bible Study. Remember each of us is at different levels in our understanding of the Bible. It's also possible something is wrong with the question. So if something isn't clear to you now be patient, because the more you study the more your understanding will grow.

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