



Spring Newsletter



My Dear Beloved Disciplers,

I am so blessed to greet you this beautiful spring season! My name is Marchelle Klein, daughter-in-law to our beloved Suzie, and Disciplers Bible Studies has blessed me through many seasons of life.

I first met Suzie in 1992, and she introduced me to Disciplers through the study of Amos. I remember sitting in the North Chapel of Rolling Hills Community Church listening to Suzie teach. I remember being impressed with the many ways Disciplers helped me engage with the Scripture: through doing the homework, discussing with the small-group, hearing the teaching exhortation, and reading the well researched lesson notes. Bible study has been my lifelong passion, and Disciplers introduced me to an organized framework to keep growing my love for God.

In 1996, I married Suzie's eldest son in that same chapel. Since then, Rob and I have raised five wonderful children, all of whom have also been blessed by Disciplers. In 2012, my four oldest became the first Disciplers Homeschool class. Suzie came weekly to lead discussion and exhortation, and over time she taught our children homiletics, even choosing one child each week to lead. They would eagerly lobby for their turn, and it filled my heart to hear them compete for something with eternal value. That

season eventually led me to begin adapting lessons for youth studies, and we launched Disciplers at a homeschool co-op the following year. The reception was exciting! We had multiple classes, teachers, and various ages participate. Again, this was my passion, and I loved this season of motherhood so much!

As previously announced online, Suzie endured a stroke in November 2024 and moved in with us last year. She arrived just in time to hold her day-old, first great-grandchild, Arthur. While she no longer handles the daily ministry work, she still advises me, helps with new studies, and faithfully prays for all of you. She especially enjoys hearing updates about your groups.

Her days are spent listening to sermons and hymns, praying, walking Bella, and watching Arthur when he comes for his weekly play dates. My favorite part of the day is listening to her laugh with Rob each night as they watch an episode of "Home Improvement."


Rob and I are deeply grateful for your prayers and the many cards sent to Suzie. We are honored to continue serving this ministry that has blessed our family and so many others.

To God be the glory! 

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Growing Faith with Silent or Personal Retreat

This month, I had the opportunity to go to a Silent Retreat in Fairhope, Alabama. To be honest, I did not know what to expect. I arrived early, so I could say “hello” to my friend who had traveled over six hours to be there. There were eleven women participating in the retreat led by our retreat host, Joy Beth Bodie. She welcomed us warmly and introduced us to her mom and dad who blessed us by preparing delicious and healthy meals. We each wore a name tag and chatted as we served ourselves breakfast. I was already delighted to be there, and we had only just begun. Joy Beth prepared us for the day with a devotional, some encouragement, and resources to help us throughout the day if we got “stuck.” She showed us

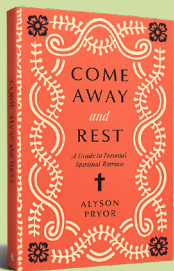
where we could leave our phones for the day (*that’s right, a silent retreat is unplugged!*). We were then led into the main room to listen to music and begin our journaling. The silent, seven hours had begun.

I cannot tell you how fast that seven hours passed, but it flew by. I mentioned before that I didn’t know what to expect, **BUT GOD**, in His eternal goodness, led me to the perfect podcast to listen to on my way to the retreat. My favorite podcast host, Greta Eskridge, was interviewing Alison Pryer about her new book titled *Come Away and Rest: A Guide to Personal Spiritual Retreats*. Now, I wasn’t alone on this retreat, but without the talking, the phone, or my family, I was definitely alone with Jesus. The Lord had used

the driving time to the retreat to prepare me for our time together. I journaled furiously at first...it was like I had so much to get out of my head and onto paper, and I had this sense that I would run out of time. Then, my pen slowed down, and I caught my breath. I read my Bible. I prayed. I journaled more.

At lunch, Joy Beth shared some insight from her morning time, and gave more suggestions for prompts that might help. She prayed and we continued on our silent journey. I spent some time on the dock staring at the water, reading, praying and journaling. The rushed feeling I had in the morning was gone. In its place, a peaceful satisfaction. It felt incredibly good to be with my God. Listening to the water lap the shore with my God. Watching the wind blow through the branches of the massive oak trees with my God. In fact, it was like nothing I’d felt before. I marvelled that this wasn’t a common occurrence. How had I never done this before?

The retreat ended with a song, a time of optional sharing, and prayer. Everyone had been blessed. It wasn’t as if we had solved all our problems, but we had cleared our minds and focused on what matters the most—God. His light chased the shadows away; He gave each of us clarity. And, *He gave us confidence that we were not alone, and never would be.* 🌿



Come Away and Rest: **A Guide to Personal Spiritual Retreats** by Alison Pryor

“Distraction is the enemy of the soul, and today’s souls are up against more distraction, disengagement, and numb escapism than ever before.” Alison Pryor’s *Come Away and Rest* is a timely invitation to step away from the noise and spend intentional time with God.

What It’s About This book is a practical and encouraging guide to personal spiritual retreats. Pryor helps readers understand the value of silence, solitude, and rest, while offering simple guidance for setting aside meaningful time with the Lord.

Why You’ll Love It You’ll love this book for its warmth, wisdom, and gentle encouragement. It makes spiritual retreat feel approachable, not overwhelming, and reminds us that true rest is found in God’s presence. This is a refreshing read for anyone longing to slow down, listen well, and be spiritually renewed.


DBS GROUPS SPOTLIGHTS



THE BRUCE SHEPHERD MEN'S STUDY *Winston-Salem, North Carolina*


In the fall of 2003, a small band of eight men residing in or around Winston-Salem, North Carolina decided that they needed to be more routinely in God's Word and desired true brotherly bonding and transparency. They formed a men's Bible study group to meet every other Thursday evening from September through May each year. A course of appetizers and desserts kicks off devoted time in the Word and shared, heartfelt prayer. Membership has ranged from eight to thirteen over the now 23 years of being together. It is now officially called The Bruce Shepherd Men's Bible Study in honor of an original participating brother who passed away with cancer in 2021.

We have alternated between Scripture and profound writings of awesome Christian authors like Stu Webber, Philip Yancey, Warren Wiersbe, Randy Alcorn, Tim Keller, Del Tackett, David Jeremiah, Danny Akin, J.I. Packer, Dane Ortlund, C.S. Lewis, Donald Whitney and David Jackson. Our many Old Testament and New Testament studies have been faithfully provided by Disciplers Bible Studies. We love the formatted notes and discussion questions that keep us focused on Scripture and through the Holy Spirit continually provide us with new insights and understanding. We have just concluded the study of The Gospel of Luke and loved every minute of it!

As we prepare to enter our 24th year, we cannot thank Disciplers and Suzie Klein enough for the wonderful studies made available to us to enrich our lives and encourage our hearts as disciples of King Jesus. May God bless the Disciplers ministry!!! 

BEECHLAND BAPTIST WOMEN'S STUDY *Louisville, Kentucky*

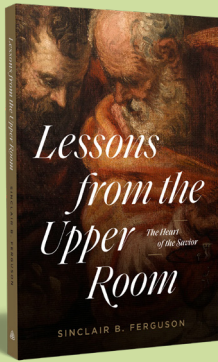
The Beechland Baptist Church Disciplers group has a rich and faithful history. The class was originally started by Maggie Wade, who at one time led two classes before they eventually became one. Around 2012, as the group began studying Psalms, Linda Spoo and Laquita Blair joined in search of a deeper Bible study and quickly grew to love it. When Maggie later moved away, Linda and Laquita were determined not to let the class end. Having been part of the group for years, they stepped into leadership together, with Laquita serving as facilitator and Linda as co-facilitator.

Today the group includes seven women who each bring something special. Linda, a former high school and junior college teacher, is known for her thoughtful opinions and steady wisdom. Laquita is loved for her creative and entertaining responses, especially when questions call for imagination. Peg is admired for her careful, well-considered answers and her strong knowledge of Scripture. Roberta may be quieter in discussion, but she faithfully reads the Bible passages and clearly treasures God's Word. Joyce is eager to learn and always willing to participate, even when she feels unsure. Annette, the newest member, is also very knowledgeable in the Bible and contributes much to the discussion. Janet is considered the mother figure of the group. Her presence adds warmth and wisdom. Together, these women are a beautiful picture of faithfulness, friendship, and a shared love for studying God's Word. 



Let us pray for one another

If you have a request, we would love to join with you in prayer. You can submit your requests on our website or send an email to prayer@DisciplersOnline.org



Lessons From the Upper Room by Sinclair B. Ferguson

WHAT IT'S ABOUT

On the final night before the cross, Jesus celebrated Passover with His apostles. Ferguson invites you to take a seat in the upper room. Observe your Savior as He washes the feet of His disciples and reveals His betrayer. Listen to the intimate thoughts of Jesus as He prays first for His apostles and then specifically for you!

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

The play-by-play analysis of these five chapters makes you feel like you are right there, up close and in person for "Jesus' Farewell Discourse." You get the sense that Jesus is cramming a lot into the short time He has left. Emotions are high!

Cozy up to the heart of Jesus as He reveals more of Himself, His Father, and the "Helper" before He takes on the cross. Better understand the Father's deep love for you in providing the sacrifice of His only Son to overcome sin and conquer death.

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SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Here is where you can find us!

We're excited to share that Disciplers Bible Studies is now on social media! You can now connect with us, stay encouraged, and keep up with ministry news, study updates, and special announcements on:



We would love for you to follow along, share with others, and help us continue spreading God's Word.

Create YOUR account in our NEW COMMUNICATION PORTAL

We are grateful to share that Disciplers is now using a new ministry communication system to help us care for our constituents more faithfully and communicate more efficiently. This new system will help us keep your information current, share ministry updates more effectively, and stay better connected as our ministry continues to grow.

As part of this transition, we are asking each constituent to create an account in the new system. Doing so will help ensure that you continue to receive newsletters, updates, and important communications from Disciplers. It will also allow you to keep your information accurate and up to date. Go to:

www.DisciplersOnline.org/portal

Thank you for taking a few moments to complete this simple but important step. We are grateful for your partnership in helping us strengthen the Disciplers community.