



FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

SPRING 2023 GROWTH GROUP OVERVIEW

Spring 2023 includes four distinct content sections; a January section, the spring churchwide, an April section, and a May section. The spring churchwide will start in the beginning of February, which gives you all of January to do a series. The church-wide is of variable length, depending on how your group wants to navigate it. After the churchwide wraps up, you should be able to do series in April and another in May. Below are our suggestions on what content to use during each section.

JANUARY THEME: SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Our Suggestion: Redeem the Screen (3 Weeks; The Week of January 8th – The week of January 22nd)

[Redeem the Screen by Kyle Idleman](#)

This 3 week series allows groups to talk about how to set the right boundaries with tech and use it for our good rather than for our demise. Don't let the techy motif fool you, this is a great series for all ages.

A Book to Read: The Common Rule (4-6 weeks)

[The Common Rule by Justin Earley](#)

This book forces us to think through how we order our lives so that Jesus is the one shaping us rather than the various influences we are bound to encounter in daily life. This book is not meant to express doctrinal truths, but rather, present practices that might be helpful as you navigate tech, media, work, and the other influences you encounter. You can read this book in 4-6 weeks depending on how quickly your group tackles it. Starting early in January will allow you to finish by the beginning of the Spring Church Wide.

FEBRUARY-MARCH SPRING CHURCH WIDE THEME: BOOK OF THE BIBLE/COMMUNITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

Our hope is that all of our groups will participate in this churchwide. We have provided several different content options that will complement what we are learning on Sunday mornings. Please pick the one that works best with your group.

A Simple Option: Discuss Sunday's Sermons

You can access study questions that accompany each of our Sunday morning sermons through the sermon notes button at 4fcc.org/sunday. Use those study questions with your group to discuss the sermon from Sunday morning. This is an easy way to create meaningful content and growth with your group.

A Video Option: Jesus in all of Proverbs (5-11 weeks)

[Jesus in All of Proverbs by Spoken Gospel](#)

If your group prefers to discuss content that is different from what was presented on Sunday morning, this video series is a great option. You can watch 1-2 of the videos each week. We will provide a suggested study guide to go along with the videos.

A Book Option: Proverbs for You (6-13 weeks)

[Proverbs For You by Kathleen Nielson](#)

If your group prefers reading a book and discussing it, this is a great option. This book is 13 chapters and not especially hard to read. You can either do two chapters a week and get through this in 6 weeks or do a chapter a week and use this book to take you through February, March, and April. It is a good look at what Proverbs teaches us about following Jesus.

A Study Guide: Proverbs (8 Weeks)

[Proverbs: Real Wisdom for Real Life by Kathleen Nielson](#)

If your group prefers using a study guide to work through the Bible passages together, this is a great option. Plan for 8 weeks together. Your group will need to work through the questions prior to meeting together and then be prepared to discuss what they learned.

This study guide is 8 sessions.

A Super Deep Option: Proverbs (11 Weeks)

[Proverbs Bible Study by The Village Church](#)

If your group wants to go deep and is willing to do homework each week, this is a great study. This study is based on three pieces: personal study, video lesson, and small group discussion. Each member needs to work through the study guide and watch the video lesson prior to coming to their group. At the group meeting, they will talk about what they learned in their personal study. While this is a labor intensive option, participants will learn to study scripture on their own and will gain an especially comprehensive understanding of Proverbs. This option does have a higher cost, study guides are \$20 per guide.

APRIL

THEME: BOOK OF THE BIBLE

April presents some scheduling difficulties. With Spring Break and Easter, April can be problematic for some. Because of this, we suggest doing a shorter series that you can make work for your group's schedule.

Our Suggestion: The Prodigal Son (3 Weeks)

[The Parable of the Prodigal Son by David Marvin](#)

This three-week series is an important series to remind us of the heart of our Christian faith. This is an important series for people of all maturity levels as we need to remind ourselves of the heart of God toward us and the call to love others that he gives us.

A Book Option: Prodigal God (7 Weeks)

[Prodigal God by Tim Keller](#)

This book covers the story of the Good Samaritan and reminds us of the goodness of God toward the wayward and the self-righteous. It's an excellent read to stimulate discussion in any group. This book would take you 7 weeks. Most likely this would take you through the end of May.

MAY

THEME: SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Our Suggestion: Get Out of Your Head (6 Weeks)

[Get Out of Your Head by Jennie Allen](#)

This 6 week study through the book of Philippians helps us think through the battle that is often our thought lives. Our thought lives and emotions impact every part of our life. This study helps us think through how we can use biblical principles to reshape our thought lives.

A Book to Read: Live No Lies (6-8 weeks)

[Live No Lies by John Mark Comer](#)

This book looks at the three biblical ideas that do battle with our souls; the devil, the flesh, and the world. It provides helpful ideas of how we can best fight those influences in our lives. It is a worthwhile read and one that should strike up some good conversations in your group.

An Alternate Option: Be Still (5 Weeks)

[Be Still by Brian Heasley](#)

This series covers 5 different elements that can contribute to having regular quality time with God. This series is a great way to start conversations about helping your group have a regular quiet time.