

## **Women and Men of the Bible**

Women and Men of the Bible is a bible study designed for those who are available during the day. It's ideal for retired men and women or those who drop their kids off at school and can spare a couple of hours once a week studying the people of God. We tailor the schedule so it doesn't interfere with any of the school holidays so it's a perfect fit for young moms and dads as well as grandpas and grandmas.

Our study uses books entitled "Women of the Bible" and "Men of the Bible" which are one year devotional studies that we take two years to complete. These studies focus on the lives of 52 prominent (and not so prominent) women and men from the Old and New Testaments. The cast of characters is long and colorful, including men and women young and old, married and single, heroes and villains, sinners and prophets, commoners and kings and queens. We see how they wrestle with fear and indecision, struggle with sexual temptation and infertility, worrying about children, longing for real affection and experience the ache of loneliness and the devastation of betrayal. They all struggle with finding faith in times of darkness.

We are not so different from them. In today's world we struggle with all the same things they struggled with and desire the same things they desired. Like so many of our ancestors, we long to walk more closely with God who calls us into an intimate relationship with himself and who enables us to fulfill his purpose for our lives.

This year we are studying the "men" with small groups of men and women who meet separately to share their insights into their study of the scripture during the week. We meet together for song and prayer time at 9:00am on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Office Conference Room. After, we break up into our small groups and study the lesson which ends with prayer and all are dismissed "promptly" at 10:30am. You do not need to have any experience with Bible Studies to attend this study which makes this the perfect study for beginners (and those with years of experience love it as well!) The cost of the study is \$20 a year and that includes your study materials.

For more information please call Valerie at 760-728-7034 or just show up one Tuesday morning (just make sure it isn't a holiday week) and check us out. You can do that for FREE!