



Wednesday Growth Groups during Lent

“Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus.” Lenten study with Pastor Greg begins **March 13**. Bestselling author, **James Martin**, offers a portrait of Jesus using his last words from the cross, reveals how deeply Jesus understood our predicaments, what it means to be fully human and why we can turn to him in mind, heart and soul.

The seven sayings are: 1) *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”* 2) *“Today you will be with me in Paradise.”* 3) *“Woman, this is your son...This is your mother.”* 4) *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* 5) *“I thirst.”* 6) *“It is finished.”* 7) *“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”* The study meets every **Wednesday** during Lent starting **March 13 through April 17** at **6:30pm** in the **Sanctuary**. Each week’s lesson will be repeated in Sunday school in **Viewpoints** at **9:45am** in **Room 12**. The hardback book is only **\$10**. **Pastor Greg** is leader.

“Letters to Malcolm, Chiefly on Prayer” by **C.S. Lewis**. **This study continues.** *“Joy is the serious business of heaven.”* Is just one quote from this delicious book on prayer. The difficulty of the questions definitely are worth the time and discussion to understand. This should provide good and interesting interaction in the class. Led by **Chris Leverenz** in the **Wesley Room, Room 10**.

“Steadfast Love” by **Lauren Chandler** is a study of Psalm 107. Lauren shares her discovery of God’s steadfast love during a terrible storm of life when she called out to Him for help. Cost of book **\$13**; “Second Breakfast” for women led by **Dede Newcomb, Wednesday mornings, 10:30am-12noon** in **Room 105** starting **March 13**.

“Epic: The Story God Is Telling” by **John Eldridge**. We find ourselves in the middle of a story that is sometimes wonderful, sometimes awful, usually a confusing mixture of both, and we haven't a clue how to make sense of it all. We need to know the whole story! The Men’s Growth Group starts this study **March 2**. Led by **Howard Rennecker** and **Jerry Bergen** in **Community Room A**.

“Across the Spectrum: Understanding Issues in Evangelical Theology” by **Gregory A. Boyd** and **Paul R. Eddy**. **This study continues.** In this book, the authors explore some of the most disagreed upon issues and lay out the biblical, theological, and philosophical arguments for each position in point-counterpoint fashion and discuss possible objections. Our class will explore these issues while resting on the assurance that in the end, it is ok to agree to disagree. Taught by **Pastor Jeremy, Room 106**.

“What Love Is; The Letters of 1, 2, 3 John” by **Kelly Minter**. **This study continues.** The letters of 1, 2, & 3 John were written to encourage followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the truth. Believers are challenged to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies and deception, loving God more than loving the world, and the meaning of true fellowship and community rather than shallowness. This study reveals not only the heart of John but also the heart of Jesus. This is a 7-session DVD series. Cost of book is \$15. Led by **Kim Kelsey** in **Room 105**.