

GG Content Options

Fall 2022

Option 1: Sermon-Based Curriculum

As usual, we'll be preparing Leader's Guides each week based on content related to that week's sermon. This allows group members to go deeper with that week's passage and process it conversationally with the group. The fall semester will span part or all of three sermon series:

Odd Couples [Sep 11-Oct 16]: This is a series about the miracle of unity that we can experience in Christ. While the culture around us becomes more and more polarized, we want to explore how Jesus can unite people, even when they see things differently. Each week, we'll look at a relationship that seems like it shouldn't work, but does work through the power of the gospel. The examples we're planning to cover are Ruth and Naomi, Ananias and Paul, a Jew and the Good Samaritan, Peter and Cornelius, and people from "every tribe" in Revelation 5.

A Series on Jonah, title TBA [Oct 23-Nov 13]: In this four-week series on the Old Testament book of Jonah, we will focus on our "missionary God," who has a heart for all people, even when we are anything but lovable. We will contrast this loving heart of God with the reluctance that Jonah (and we!) often feel when it comes to loving people who are different from us.

The Waiting is the Hardest Part [Nov 27-Dec 11]: During the final three weeks of the Grow Group semester, we will follow along with an Advent series focused on the experience and the discipline of waiting. Waiting is tough! But it is an essential part of the Christian journey. We'll explore the Prophets, the Psalms, and the New Testament to see how faithful followers wait for God to intervene, and how God works in them (and us) in the process.

To go along with the weekly Grow Group conversations, we will also provide daily Scripture readings and reflection questions for participants to use in their personal times of devotion.

Option 2: Ephesians Study

For groups that would prefer to study a book of the Bible, one good option would be to study Ephesians. Ephesians is a wonderful book, filled with both powerful theology and practical advice for living. One of its themes is the unity we can have in Christ, which would dovetail nicely with the first sermon series of the fall, *Odd Couples*.

One option for material is the [Ephesians study](#) from the LifeGuide Bible Study series. Another great option is [Ephesians for Everyone](#), by NT Wright. There is also a good supplementary commentary for this series, available [here](#). Note: if you choose this option, each group member will purchase their own books. As always, if this creates a financial burden for anyone in your group, let us know and we're glad to help.

Option 3: Another Topic

If your group would like to study something different, just reach out to your coach or John and we're glad to visit with you about options.