

# Learn

## Adult Formation/Small Groups



Following Jesus' example, early Christians studied, prayed and ate together. This Life Together is embodied in small group settings such as those listed below.

### Covenant Groups

FPC young adults (ages 20-40) are invited to be part of a small group of 8-12 people who will learn and grow together at least once a month on a mutually-agreed upon schedule. Groups will study either Brian McLaren's *We Make the Road by Walking* or FPC sermons using a study guide. Being part of a Covenant Group involves making an initial commitment of one semester. Contact the Reverend Katelyn Gordon ([kgordon@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:kgordon@firstpres-charlotte.org)) with questions or to participate.

### Tuesday Men's Bible Study

The study of the Bible will serve as a catalyst to deepen the faith of and the connection among men of all ages. Led by the Reverend Pen Peery. (Fourth Tuesdays, 7:45-8:45 a.m.)

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This group engages in deep, critical thinking as it seeks to know God and God's revelation in Jesus Christ. Units include scriptural study, theology, ethics, and spirituality. This fall the Reverend Dr. Paul Hanneman will lead a study of *The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind* by Cynthia Bourgeault. Contact Garrell Keesler ([gkeesler@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:gkeesler@firstpres-charlotte.org)). (Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.)

### Moms of Young Children Fellowship Group

Participants are invited to King's Kitchen for lunch and discussion of topics relevant to their faith journeys. Contact Julie Jones ([juliejonesnc@gmail.com](mailto:juliejonesnc@gmail.com)) (Second Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

### Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

As this group of men gathers to study God's word, relationships are built and strengthened. They will continue in the Gospel of Matthew, led by members of the group. They honor and respect all perspectives and welcome new participants. Contact Chuck Williamson ([cwilliamson@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:cwilliamson@firstpres-charlotte.org)). (Weekly; breakfast served on second Thursdays, 7-8 a.m.)

### Thursday Women's Bible Study - ThuMBS

Using the Disciple series *Invitation to Psalms*, this group will develop a deepened connection to God and build bonds of friendship and mutual support. Led by the Reverend Katherine Kerr ([kkerr@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:kkerr@firstpres-charlotte.org)). (9:30-11 a.m.)

Contact Garrell Keesler, Director of Adult Formation ([gkeesler@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:gkeesler@firstpres-charlotte.org)) or the Reverend Katelyn Gordon, Associate Pastor for Christian Formation ([kgordon@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:kgordon@firstpres-charlotte.org)).



How much will we grow our skills at tennis or yoga or reading if all we do is watch a video or listen to someone else talk about their experiences? We won't get much better until we pick up a racket or open a book or practice Tree pose.

In the same way, becoming a disciple takes practice. It entails taking the initiative to know God rather than just knowing about God.

Jesus created disciples in the Temple, in the marketplace and in homes, where he healed, fed and cared for people. We, too, are called to learn and grow in Life Together—our Formation theme for the 2017-18 programming year.

As Christians, we believe God calls us to community to explore our faith together. Time spent with neighbors, experiences shared with friends, meals around a table with loved ones — this **Life Together** is the life God envisions for us.

