

# SUMMER ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDIES

## DVD's and DISCUSSION

9:30 AM

JOHN WESLEY ROOM

*This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others and grow in your faith.  
Do not say "I don't know enough to go to Bible Study or discussion groups to go."  
Do not say "I am afraid I might be asked a question I don't know the answer!"  
Come every Sunday or whenever you can. But come!*

***Faces on Faith:*** These remarkable interviews feature some of the twentieth century's giants of faith, discussing their hopes and beliefs in a relaxed informal setting. Topics include goals and accomplishments, the meaning of prayer, the problem of evil, and the role of faith in daily living. **Each interview is about 25 minutes long and then their will be time for dialogue.**

**July 10<sup>th</sup>:** ***Desmond Tutu.*** A South African cleric and activist. Known for his opposition to apartheid and his commitment to stopping the spread of AIDS globally. He has won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 and in 2007 received the Ghandi Peace Prize.

**July 17<sup>th</sup>:** ***Parker Palmer*** is an activist and educator who has authored numbers award winning books on topics of spirituality, leadership, and social change. He is a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). He is founder of the Center for Courage and Renewal.

**July 24<sup>th</sup>:** ***Adele Gonzalez*** is a national authority on spirituality, ministry, and cultural diversity. She has been involved in training lay ministers in the Catholic Church for over thirty decades. As the founder and president of Get With It, she is committed to helping others achieve human and spiritual growth through relationships with self, others, the world, and God.

**July 31<sup>st</sup>:** ***Frederick Buechner*** . An ordained Presbyterian minister and a frequent guest preacher he has authored over 30 novels and memoirs. He writes about reflections on God, his own life, and what it is like to be alive.

**August 7<sup>th</sup>:** ***Marian Wright Edelman.*** Founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund. She is a lawyer, educator, and activist for the rights of children. She is the first African American Woman to be admitted to the Mississippi Bar.

**August 14: Gustavo Gutierrez:** A Roman Catholic priest serving in Peru, is considered to be the father of liberation theology. He believes that God speaks through the poor.

**August 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> : Everything is Spiritual by Rob Bell**

In the Hebrew Scriptures there is no word for "spiritual." And Jesus never used the phrase "spiritual life." Because for Jesus and his tradition, all of life is spiritual. So what does that mean?

*The DVD is 1:17:52 running time.*

*We will divide watching into two sessions. It is important to be at both sessions.*

**September and October:**

**A Place to Pray – Conversations on the Lord’s Prayer**

Like Jesus’ disciples, many of us long to know how to pray “better”. Perhaps we feel that our prayers. Perhaps we feel our prayers aren’t going anywhere or that we never experience God’s presence. Can the familiar phrases of the Lord’s prayer help?

Roberta Bondi, tacher, writer and student of the ancient church thinks so and shares what the beloved phrases mean to her and how they’ve changed her life. According to Bondi, we are called to love God and neighbor, and prayer is about healing the wounds that keeps us from doing that. She believes “we are given this prayer so each of us can find a place to prayer”.

Session Titles: 25-27 minute per session.

- Our Father
- Hallowed be Your Name
- Your Kingdom Com
- Give Us this Day
- Forgive Us as We Forgive
- Lead Us Not Into Temptation
- Glory Forever

Study Guide available.