

Womens Ministry

It must have been hard for the apostle Paul to not be able to travel to all the churches. However, from the confinement of his prison cell he wrote, "Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel (Phil. 1:12)." The following stories are a testimony to God's faithfulness through his servants.



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Rene's class

Are you ready to stand in God's grace? Romans 5:1-2 tells us God has demonstrated His own love towards us! We have been studying through the book of Romans at Englewood Bible Church and are so blessed to learn these things together. These ladies, young and old, have been a blessing as we work verse by verse through Romans, seeing all God has done for us! Sadly, we have been stuck in Romans 15 and unable to finish the book at this time. But, as always, we know and trust in our Heavenly Father and His perfect timing because He has already done the greatest thing by giving us salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ! – **Rene**

Autumn's class

If you have been praying for the ministry of DM2, then you have been praying for the women's online Colossians study! We have been encouraging each other by reminding ourselves how and why Christ is all we need not only for our justification, but also for our sanctification as we look forward to our glorification! This study was started with a desire to encourage young women to seek God and to provide an opportunity for all of us to teach faithful women who will teach faithful women who will teach faithful women and so on.

I am convinced that God is able to do abundantly more than you and I could ever ask or think. I am very excited to entrust this study to Him and watch what He will do. Thank you for praying! – **Autumn**

Below are some comments from Autumn's class.

*I have been greatly encouraged by the focus this study places on Christ. When our faith is built on anything but Christ, we have a shaky, untrustworthy foundation. It has been so liberating to learn more about what my life looks like being in Christ. The Christian life becomes so overwhelming when we are trying to grow on our own, not relying on Christ. Through this study, I have been reminded that growth comes from the Lord, by trusting in Him alone. Philosophy, legalism, mysticism, and asceticism distract us from Christ and His sufficiency. Christ is enough - forever and always. It's amazing to learn how Christ is before all things, created all things, and holds everything together. Furthermore, I am grateful that the true gospel is being proclaimed in this study as well. Through the person and work of Christ, we receive eternal life by placing our faith in Him. It is something we are so unworthy of, but Christ offered it anyway. He humbled himself by taking our place on the cross, died the death we deserve, and three days later, rose again in victory. Our Savior is alive and offers eternal life to everyone who believes. I love how Acts 4:12 states this very plainly. It says, "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." The book of Colossians has been revealing so many awesome truths to me and others, and I am excited to continue studying it. – **Kortney***

I love the focus of Colossians being that Christ is all you need. I like how Colossians 3:4 puts it that CHRIST IS OUR LIFE! He is not just a part of our life. He is our life, and we, as believers, have been placed into Him. There is so much joy in knowing this! I like Colossians 1:9-11, too. It is encouraging to know all the things that can be true of us now that we are in Christ! My favorite is that we can be pleasing to the Lord. The Lord is pleased with Jesus, and that is true of us now, too. – Abby

Something I already knew but had kind of forgotten, and of which I really needed a reminder, is that God will make greatness out of our biggest weaknesses and bring good from our failures. So, when it seems like we cannot do anything right, He will make something good out of it. – Anne



Ruby's class

On Tuesday nights, I attend a ladies' Bible study at a church in a nearby town. They have asked me to teach. I suggested a verse-by-verse study of a book instead of the topical studies we usually have. Everyone really wanted to go deeper, and their unanimous choice was Revelation.

Most of the ladies have never had expository teaching. In fact, the current pastor (who grew up in this church) told me that when he got to Bible college, he realized he did not know anything at all about the Bible. He said that in the past the church taught that anyone who could say "Jesus is Lord" was saved.

Since this is not my home church, I joined Facebook to keep up with the church happenings. As I started confirming friend requests, the whole thing just grew. Yesterday, a teacher friend (from my town) posted a long post about how she believed we are in the last days and we need to turn to Jesus. I know she is not a "church-goer". So, I invited her to the Bible study. She responded by asking if we would have extra Bibles and if she could invite her friends. I told her yes to both the Bibles and to inviting others.

I want to thank you for the links to the DM2 study materials. We are going to ask each lady to bring a three-ring notebook so we can distribute the student's sheets on a weekly basis. We are meeting for two hours each week and usually have 15-20 ladies in our group. They understand we will be at this for a long time.

Watching the youth Revelation videos on YouTube has really given me a vision of how to clearly exalt God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ using the Revelation material. It has also made me rethink my goal of trying to finish by a certain date. The greatest claim on my time is lifting Jesus up and proclaiming the gospel, not getting through a book by a deadline. (I guess my public-school teacher training mindset did not let me see that immediately.) – Ruby



Rachel and Amber's class

This year, Amber and I have had the opportunity to lead a Romans 1-8 study each Monday evening. This is our seventh year of having a weekly women's study in the Spokane area. It has been so fun to spend this year being reminded of the truths in Romans with old and new friends alike. Once Washington state went into quarantine in March and we were no longer able to get together in person, we decided to move our study online. Although we missed being together, it was special to be able to add people from different cities, and even countries, to our study.

It has been really encouraging to pray, study, and have discussions with people who would not be able to come to the study if we had it only in person. One of my favorite stories is about two girls from Brazil who joined our study. Upon understanding the gospel, they realized they had not been clear in sharing with others. They were so excited to now begin sharing a clear gospel.

It is neat to see how God is at work, whether we are online or in person and that His word will continue to go forth no matter what occurs in the world around us. In these uncertain times, we have been so reminded of the peace, security, joy, and hope we have in Him. We are now doing a hybrid study where we meet in person and online so that those who are out of town are still able to join in. Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." – Rachel

NOTE: DM2's foreign travels are on hold right now because virtually all the fields we travel to are still restricted. Pray for God to open the door once again, as our teams are anxious to go.