

ROOTED STUDY GROUPS

2018 - 2019

Group 1

FALL

Acts for Everyone by N.T. Wright

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SPRING

This I Know, Trusting Your Unknown Future to a Known God by Laura Dingman

The future, especially these days, often looks frightening. We all have things we don't know and we can't control. But, what if you could be calm anyway? Is that even possible given all that is going on in the world? Is there a part of you that wonders: Does God really care about me? Does He know what He's doing? And, can He really be trusted? Choose the This I Know study and we'll journey through the Bible to answer these questions together.

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No Other Gods, The Unrivaled Pursuit of Christ by Kelly Minter

We often think idols are obvious—money, power, fame. But subtler idols can sometimes take the form of sweet loved ones, Instagramable interiors, and busy seasons of ministry. If your heart is prioritizing any of those pursuits before God, you're missing the unrivaled joy and adventure of Jesus being your heart's ultimate treasure. In this study, you'll learn to identify the functional gods you are serving daily and the lies they are telling you. Only when you learn to dethrone your modern-day idols will you be set free to live the deeper, more abundant life Jesus came to give you, discovering that only Jesus can do what no other god can.

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Discerning the Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer

Do you have a hard time hearing God’s voice? Or knowing that it’s God’s voice you’re hearing and not your own? God is always speaking to us and He wants to have an intimate relationship with us where we can hear His voice, His will, His heart, and His direction. God’s Word promises us that we can know His voice (Jn. 10:27) and not fall prey to another’s, even our own (Jn. 10:5). How exactly do we do that? This study will teach you how you can hear God’s voice with greater confidence, clarity, and discernment.

Group 4 -- *Studies which go more in depth and require more time*

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An Unexplainable Life, Acts 1-12 by Erica Wiggenhorn

In only fifty days, Peter was radically transformed. He went from being a man in the shadows denying even knowing Jesus, to a man boldly proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus in the middle of the temple courts. How did that change occur? And, more importantly, can such a change occur within us today, in the here and now? An Unexplainable Life will take you through an in-depth study of Acts 1-12 where you will encounter the source of Peter’s power and be challenged to grab hold of that power yourself. God wants to do something in and through us that is unexplainable apart from Him. Come and find out what that life looks like and how to walk it out on the earth today. Note: This study will require about 90 minutes of homework each week.

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The Unexplainable Church, Acts 13-28 by Erica Wiggenhorn

The Unexplainable Church continues the journey through Acts that was started in An Unexplainable Life. When Jesus chose you, you were given a divine invitation to embark on the grandest adventure of your life. Will you accept this invitation by the power of the Holy Spirit? Acts 13-28 tells us numerous accounts of ordinary people doing ordinary things that became transformed by the power of our God in their lives. God then gathered these everyday people into the mighty force that became His unexplainable church. We weren’t meant to do this life alone, we are part of a kingdom so much greater than ourselves and exists for the glory of our King. Wherever you are, the study will invite you to embark on this grand adventure with our unexplainable and limitless God. Note: This study will require about 90 minutes of homework each week.