



Reaching Across the Aisle

Next Sunday FBC will kick off our fall series, "Reaching across the Aisle." For seven weeks we as a church will unify together for a season of focused spiritual growth. This introduction is designed to help you get the most from the next seven weeks.

How to Participate

Each Sunday Pastor Glen will preach about the life-giving power of biblical community. As a complement to these messages we want to invite everyone at FBC to participate in a 7-week group. You can sign up to be in a group by visiting the information table in the plaza on Sundays. These groups will springboard us into the deeper waters of biblical community. As we participate in the Sunday worship services and the 7-week groups we are asking God to do great things in our lives and in our church.

Other fall events include the Fall Festival on October 19th and Celebration Sunday on November 18th. If your small group would like to help with the Fall Festival as a ministry project, please contact Kristi Gladding at kgladding@fbcdavis.org or 758-7100 ext.19.

Using the Devotional Guide

Our devotional guide this fall is called, ***Groups: the life-giving power of community***. The devotional guide works best by making it a part of your daily devotional time with God. If you save it until the end and try to do it in 30 minutes before your small group meeting, you will find that it is too much. It is designed to be done on a day-to-day basis. For this reason, the Scrolls will be taking a break during the fall series.

As we make our way through the guide, our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will help us to discover great spiritual truths from God's Word and how to apply them to our lives. By setting aside daily devotional time, you will be making space in your life for God to work through his Word. And, the Lord will bless your obedience in seeking him (Heb. 11:6).

If you cannot finish the session before your small group meets, don't be discouraged. Please attend your small group anyway. As you participate at the level you are able to, you will glean many new spiritual insights just by being involved.

For more information about using the devotional guide, please read pages 7-9 in the guide.

When to Begin

You should begin using your devotional guide the week before your small group meets. For example, if your group is meeting on Tuesday evenings (beginning Oct. 9th), start session one on the Tuesday before (Oct. 2nd). All small groups are encouraged to hold their first meeting the week of October 7th.

If you have signed up to be in a group, you should hear from your group leader during the week of October 1st. If for some reason you don't hear from anyone please contact Meg Harper (mharper@fbcdavis.org or 758-7100 ext.20).

Why?

It's reasonable to ask, "Why is FBC doing this fall series about community?" It all comes back to Christ's desire for us. As his followers, he has asked us to grow into his image. Paul said it this way:

"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." **2 Cor. 3:18**

Spiritual transformation into the image of Christ is at the heart of this fall series. As we interact with God through his Word, and as we interact with one another in groups, we can trust God to change us into his likeness. Please pray with us, asking the Lord to do a mighty work in our community here at FBC.