



# GROWTH

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1ST SESSION: SEPT. 8TH-29TH

### WHY TRUST THE BIBLE?

The Bible calls itself the Breath of God. How do we know it is trustworthy and true – breathed from God rather than contrived in human minds? This course will discuss the authenticity and history of Scripture. Join us to discover the reality of the gift we have in the Bible!

### TRANSFORMED AND TRANSFORMING

We often know in our heads that we are new creations as Christ followers, but living out that reality can sometimes be a mystery. This course will discuss the practical realities of the journey that is following Christ – and the reality of how we change in a moment and are changed for a lifetime. Join us as we discover the beauty of growing in relationship with God!

2ND SESSION: OCT. 6TH- 27TH

### “SAVED”: UNDERSTANDING SALVATION

What does the phrase “I’m saved” mean to you? There are many ideas about salvation floating around in both church and secular culture. This course will discuss what salvation both is and what it is not. Join us as we dig into the magnitude of salvation!

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

How do I make sense of the Old Testament? This course will take you on an overview of the multi-faceted world of the Old Testament. In it, you will discover not only an amazing story, but a great story of the God we serve and His plan for our redemption.

3RD SESSION: NOV. 3RD- 24TH

### SHARING JESUS WITH YOUR WORLD

Each of us inhabits many spheres of influence. Often, we don’t realize the opportunities we have to share Jesus in our existing and common relationships. This course will help you know how to be intentional in your friendships, your business endeavors, your families, your neighborhood and any relationship you may have. Join us as we dive into relational evangelism!

### WELCOME TO FBCSF GROWTH COURSES!

Growth Courses are designed to deepen your understanding, love and knowledge of Jesus Christ through the truth and guidance of the Word of God. We believe that the Word of God is the clearest and most direct access we have to the heart of God. We believe that His Word is dynamic and living (Heb. 4:12) ...and is useful for teaching, for correction, and for training so that each of us will be competent and equipped for the good works God has designed for us (II Tim. 3:14-16). These courses will reflect the living, dynamic and equipping nature of the Word of God.

The Growth Courses will challenge preconceived notions of Christianity and push beneath the surface of cultural Christianity. These 4-week courses will be well taught, and will be engaging and welcoming to the non-Christian, foundational for the new believer and challenging to the oldest believer.

Growth Courses will start at 9:15 and end at 10:15 – with coffee and fellowship beginning at 9:00. In addition to the 4-week courses, special courses and topics of varying lengths will be introduced at various times throughout the year. Growth Courses can be taken in any order.

## A SAVIOR COMES: AN OVERVIEW OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John...what makes these books different from the rest of the New Testament? This course will study the Gospels and explore their unique and special purpose in God's Word. Join us on a life-changing journey with Jesus through these four books!

## BREAK: DECEMBER 1ST (THANKSGIVING)

## SPECIAL COURSE: DEC. 8TH & 15TH

## GOD AND RELATIONSHIPS

Real relationships rarely look like holiday commercials! This special two-week course will dive into the truth that God cares about how we treat one another. We will explore all that God's Word says about our relationships – relationships with family, with other Christ followers and with the world. Join us as we learn together what God says about relating well.

## WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 22ND- JAN 12TH



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## 4TH SESSION: JANUARY 19TH- FEBRUARY 9TH

## UNDERSTANDING THE TRINITY

There is perhaps no element of Christian doctrine that has inspired more controversy and bad theology than the doctrine of the Trinity. But knowing God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit lies at the heart of healthy Christian experience. This course will unpack the truth of the Trinity and all that it means in the life of a Christ follower.

## IN THE BEGINNING: THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy – these five books, called the Pentateuch, are more than just the begin-

ning of the Bible. This course will explore the special meaning and place of these books. Join us as we move beyond familiar stories and dig deeper into these ancient treasures.

## SPECIAL DAY: FEBRUARY 16TH

## GOD AND SEXUALITY

God designed sex and He has lots to say about it! Join us as we unpack the amazing and beautiful picture of godly sexuality. Married or single, this class will surprise you and encourage you!

## 5TH SESSION: FEBRUARY 23RD- MARCH 16TH

## WHO AM I?

Jesus changes your identity at its core, but often we live as we were, instead of living as we now are! This course will paint a picture of the reality of who we are in Christ. Join us as we discover from God the amazing masterpiece that He has created in you.

## THE STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

The twelve books that constitute the 'historical books' of the Bible cover a large swath of human history and describe God's interaction with His sinful children. These books contain some of the most amazing and disappointing parts of the entire biblical story. This course will start you on a historical journey through the rise, fall and restoration of the nation of Israel and will introduce you to prominent biblical characters! Join us on a historical journey that is anything but boring!

## 6TH SESSION: MARCH 23RD- APRIL 13TH

## DIGGING IN TO GOD'S WORD

Reading the Word is great. Reading the Word with intentionality and some simple practices is life changing! This course will give you practical tips on making your time in the Word more meaningful and enjoyable.

## THE LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus packed a lot of life into 33 years – and really into His last three years. This course will give you a fresh introduction, no

matter how much you think you already know, to the man who changed the world.

## BREAK: APRIL 20TH (EASTER)

## SPECIAL DAY: APRIL 27TH

### WHY WORK?

Every Christ follower is a full time missionary, but only a few are compensated for it! This course will discover what God has to say about work and about living for Him in the workplace. Join us as we look at God's perspective on your professional life. You will never look at your job the same!

## 7TH SESSION: MAY 4TH-25TH

### THE CHURCH - AN AMAZING HISTORY, A PROMISING FUTURE

The church did not just start with various denominations and organizational structures and intentional programming. The story of the birth and growth of the church is a fascinating one and one full of success and failure. This course will explore the amazing story of the church and the faithful, amazing people God has used to change our world!

### THE WISDOM OF GOD

The wisdom literature of the Bible contains some best loved and most difficult books. This course will share principles to help you both understand these books and better apply them in your lives. God's wisdom is God's perspective - and His wisdom will transform your life!

## SUMMER BREAK: MONTH OF JUNE

## SUMMER SPECIAL COURSE: JULY 6TH-27TH

### GOD AND MONEY

God's Word mentions money more than 800 times! He tells us not to hate nor love money. God tells us not to hate or love

money, but warns us that money opens the door to both great things and great risks. This course will explore the reason God cares about your finances - whether rich or poor! Join us on a profitable journey into God's thoughts on money.

## SUMMER SPECIAL COURSE: AUGUST 3RD- 24TH

### GOD AND CULTURE

This four-week series of stand-alone courses will explore, from a Biblical perspective, the most relevant cultural issues of our day, including homosexuality, politics, social justice and science. These four weeks will be vital in equipping us to live "on mission" in the world without becoming "of the world."

## BREAK: AUG. 31ST (LABOR DAY WEEKEND)

## 8TH SESSION: SEPTEMBER 7TH- 28TH

**A Vital Part of the Whole** - Understanding Spiritual Gifts  
**God's Mouthpieces** - A Study of the Prophetic Books of the Old Testament I

## 9TH SESSION: OCTOBER 5TH-26TH

**Who Is God?** A Study of the Attributes of God  
**God's Mouthpieces** - A Study of the Prophetic Books of the Old Testament 2

## 10TH SESSION: NOVEMBER 2ND-23RD

**Understanding the Purpose of the Church**  
**Upside Down Living: A Study of the Sermon on the Mount**

## BREAK: NOV. 30TH (THANKSGIVING)

## SPECIAL COURSE: DECEMBER 7TH & 14TH

## WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 21ST- JANUARY 25TH



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**11TH SESSION: FEBRUARY 1ST- 22ND**

What is Worship?

The Beginning of a Movement: A Study of Acts and the Birth of the Church

**SPECIAL DAY: MARCH 1ST**

God and Social Justice

**12TH SESSION: MARCH 8TH-29TH**

Understanding Missions

Love Letters: A Study of the Letters of the New Testament

**BREAK: APRIL 5TH (EASTER SUNDAY)**

**13TH SESSION: APRIL 12TH- MAY 3RD**

The Problem of Suffering

The Roman Road: A Study of the Book of Romans

**14TH SESSION: MAY 10TH- 31ST**

What Does It Mean to Be a Disciple Maker?

What a Revelation! A Study of the End Times

**SUMMER BREAK: MONTH OF JUNE AND JULY 5TH (4TH OF JULY WEEKEND)**

**SPECIAL COURSE: JULY 12TH- AUGUST 2ND** TBD

**SPECIAL COURSE: AUGUST 9TH- 30TH** TBD



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