

The Journey 2011/12 - Feedback

“So our journey group is done! What an amazing season that was!! I have been totally blessed by it. I am signing up for another year!”

“Feels good to be doing something worthwhile.”

“What a journey! I had an amazing leader, the people God grouped me with could not have been more fitting. To share and care...most of all grow in the walk of Jesus is truly a gift. Being of Catholic background, God is always present but Jesus is whom I've truly have come to know.”

“I am taking another year of The Journey, and my husband is taking year 1!”

“The Emerging Journey has also tapped into one of my passions!”

“... our group...organized a night of nachos for the folks at the Gospel Mission...A neat exercise on several fronts...simply a lesson in servitude and humility...”

“More biblical knowledge is what I'm hungering for, therefore I wish to register for next Sept.”

I have booked Ron Schlitt for our SF session in May and we will facilitate this session together...it will be fun!!

“We had our Journey group dinner Thursday night. Man was that good! - on so many fronts... Everything went smoothly and the meal turned out awesome... There was some talk about how this eating thing was/is so refreshing, even spiritual in a sense... At any rate, we're talking about doing this again at the end of our official time in The Journey, and the hosts offered that we should do this periodically again next year, so we keep in touch. Very cool, eh.”

“Everyone...yes everyone in my group is enjoying reading the Bible more now than they were previously! When we read about Jesus and his dense disciples, our reflections often focus on questions like:

- * What was going through their heads while that was going on?
- * What would I have done?
- * How does Jesus' humanity factor into how He dealt with that situation?
- * How does their cultural setting factor into my response and practical application?
- * If the disciples, who walked alongside Jesus day in and day out, couldn't grasp His ways very easily, are we too hard on ourselves when we struggle?”

"I just couldn't memorize scripture. They didn't stick with me. I'd given up on that. Well, because I meditated on Matt 11:28-30 for the last three weeks as directed by the Workbook 4 lessons, I have had that passage come to mind word for word as I struggled with work stresses. I am stoked that maybe in fact I *can* memorize scriptures!"

"It is obvious that those in my group are intentional in their walk, and I have been humbled and honoured to walk with them."

"...it just makes me so thankful to be a part of this group. It is a safe place and I do feel that I am growing as a result of the sharing that goes on each week. I do thank God daily for each of you and the ways that you are affecting my life. I look forward to spending the next 5 months of Thursdays with you all."

"I can't even imagine what God thinks - but I am sure that what he intended our relationships to be are deep and meaningful and honest and open. May I just tell you all how thankful I also am for all of you and for the courage all have shown in revealing the realities of our lives to us all. Having experienced it, it is an amazing and powerful message of unity that I cannot get out of my mind. We all travel this Life "Journey" and how much better it is to do so together than to struggle on our own! I just want to say that even at the end of this course when we reach the end of our studies - that I for one am and will always be available to you all as one who walks beside you as we head to our goal - to be with Christ. Thank you to all of you for trusting God with your walk."

"Grateful to be doing this."

"Our Lord has already blessed us with much insight..... I wish for all.....a week of even more blessings as you work through session 3!"

"King David, he was definitely a "schmuck". But God loved him and chose him to do great things, only proving once again that HE loves me too and HE might just choose me to make a bit of a difference during my Journey as I learn to follow. I/we are learning the answers to the three BIG questions" (Who is God? Who am I? What does God desire to do through me?)

"What an amazing class! Each person has been asked by God to slow down, be still & learn from Him. We were sharing & laughing.....wow!"

The StrengthsFinder session we had last week has had lasting repercussions as we went through our week with a slightly different view of things. Four of the seven in the group are signing up for personal consultations, so they can learn even more about how to better serve our Lord in their families, their workplaces, their church, and wherever else they've been placed.

Our sharing at the end was a sobering reminder that we live in a fallen world with tough jobs, health challenges, relational catastrophes, financial stresses, and very obvious attacks by the enemy. But we left encouraged, knowing the seven of us are praying diligently for each other, and that our God answers prayer, as we've seen each week since we began.

I was so excited to have finally paid my course fees. It sure felt good!! I love The Journey, it is a wonderful course, and made even better with the women I have been sharing it with. I'm positive God put us together. It seems to blend in so well with other things I have, and am taking on this journey of a New Life in Christ, and freedom from active addiction with drugs and alcohol. All my praise, honor and glory goes to God, without Him I would not be alive!! God IS Good All the Time; ALL the TIME God IS Good!!

Thank-you for this course having been offered, please let me know if/when the second stage will be offered, if possible, I would like to look at attending it.

Thank you again, and may God continue to Bless you."

One participant was asked directly whether he's feeling any more contented in life since he began this Journey process. His initial reason for signing up for The Journey was that his present life, although being a follower of Jesus for many years, was filled with discontent. He answered this question with a resounding "YES - Absolutely!"