

You are invited to Our Thursday Night Pastor's Bible Study

A Primer for God's People: An Introduction to the Old Testament

Fall 2009 through Winter 2010 Topics

Led by Pastor Joe DeRoulhac

Dinner 5:45 p.m. and Pastor's Bible Study: 6:45 p.m.

In Fellowship Hall

1. **What are we looking for?** Why do we care about studying the Old Testament? What do we expect to find?
2. **Understanding the context in which we live:** The goodness of creation and the brokenness of our existence.
3. **Discovering God's promise:** How and when our Old Testament forebears discovered God in their lives and world.
4. **Experiencing God's liberating power:** The exodus from Egypt.
5. **Deciding who we will be:** The covenant between Israel and Yahweh
6. **Defining the principles by which we live:** The receiving of the law.
7. **Forging new ground:** The Former Prophets—the people of God amid the challenges of history.
8. **Bringing it all together:** The united monarchy under King David—the power of unity and faithfulness
9. **Living on the fraying edge:** The divided kingdom—the forces of fragmentation.
10. **Discerning the truth of the matter:** The Hebrew prophets—telling the truth which needs to be heard.
11. **Probing the mysteries:** The wisdom literature.
12. **Centering our thoughts and hearts on God:** The Psalms and worship.
13. **Taking heed:** The fall of the Northern Kingdom—a warning to us all.
14. **Admitting our failure:** The fall of Jerusalem—no one is beyond judgment.
15. **Seizing new opportunity:** The return from Babylon—God does new things.
16. **Moving forward:** The post-exilic prophets—no one said it was going to be easy.
17. **CONCLUSION:** What do we do with it?



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