

### Fall 2017

<b>Session 1</b> September 3, 2017 <i>Proper 17</i> Exodus 3:1–15	Hearing about Moses' call, adults will seek ways to encounter the holy and discern new avenues of discipleship.
<b>Session 2</b> September 10, 2017 <i>Proper 18</i> Matthew 18:15–20	Adults will explore the importance of reconciliation and forgiveness in the shared life of the church.
<b>Session 3</b> September 17, 2017 <i>Proper 19</i> Matthew 18:21–35	In the light of God's forgiveness, adults will gain a deeper understanding of the need to forgive and to be forgiven.
<b>Session 4</b> September 24, 2017 <i>Proper 20</i> Matthew 20:1–16	Adults will discover God's strange sense of equality and consider how they might promote that vision in their own lives.
<b>Session 5</b> October 1, 2017 <i>Proper 21</i> Matthew 21:23–32	Adults will identify characteristics of legitimate spiritual authority and reflect on their own experience of it.
<b>Session 6</b> October 8, 2017 <i>Proper 22</i> Matthew 21:33–46	Adults will discover that the reign of God in which we seek to serve will prevail because God will always call forth faithful servants.
<b>Session 7</b> October 15, 2017 <i>Proper 23</i> Matthew 22:1–14	Adults will consider their response to the invitation to God's banquet.
<b>Session 8</b> October 22, 2017 <i>Proper 24</i> 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10	Adults will reflect on Christian community as a space to live together in a spirit of thanksgiving.
<b>Session 9</b> October 29, 2017 <i>Proper 25</i> Matthew 22:34–46	In studying the two great commandments, adults will review the orientation of their lives toward loving God and their neighbors.

<b>Session 10</b> November 5, 2017 <i>Proper 26</i> Matthew 23:1–12	Adults will explore Jesus' criticism of the religious leaders and evaluate their own lives of discipleship.
<b>Session 11</b> November 12, 2017 <i>Proper 27</i> Matthew 25:1–13	Adults will name actions they can do now as they wait for God's unexpected arrival.
<b>Session 12</b> November 19, 2017 <i>Proper 28</i> Matthew 25:14–30	Adults will consider how to use their talents as they wait for the realm of God.
<b>Session 13</b> November 26, 2017 <i>Reign of Christ</i> Matthew 25:31–46	Adults will identify the "least of these" around them and consider ways to minister with them.

**Winter 2017–2018**

Date	Session Goal
<b>Session 1</b> December 3, 2017 <i>Advent 1 Year B</i> 1 Corinthians 1:3–9	Anticipating God’s return, adults will seek ways to encourage others and find strength for themselves through the church.
<b>Session 2</b> December 10, 2017 <i>Advent 2</i> Mark 1:1–8	Adults will respond to John the Baptist’s call to repentance in light of the good news of Jesus Christ.
<b>Session 3</b> December 17, 2017 <i>Advent 3</i> Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11	Adults will explore salvation as a quality of life here and now that reflects God’s desires for human community.
<b>Session 4</b> December 24, 2017 <i>Advent 4</i> Luke 1:26–38	Adults will see that God works through ordinary people to do extraordinary things and will consider implications for their lives.
<b>Session 5</b> December 31, 2017 <i>Christmas 1</i> Luke 2:22–40	Adults will explore how Jesus was nurtured by a faithful Jewish community and consider implications for communities of faith today.
<b>Session 6</b> January 7, 2018 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Genesis 1:1–5	Adults will reflect on God bringing order out of chaos both in the natural world and in their lives.
<b>Session 7</b> January 14, 2018 <i>Epiphany 2</i> 1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)	In light of Samuel’s call, adults will ponder the ways we discern God’s call today.
<b>Session 8</b> January 21, 2018 <i>Epiphany 3</i> Mark 1:14–20	Adults will consider how discipleship is initiated and sustained by the gracious call of Jesus Christ.
<b>Session 9</b> January 28, 2018 <i>Epiphany 4</i> Psalm 111	Adults will consider the ways recounting God’s faithfulness to the covenant calls forth praise and strengthens faith.

<b>Session 10</b> February 4, 2018 <i>Epiphany 5</i> Mark 1:29–39	Adults will explore the ways Jesus' healing ministry guides the healing work of the church today.
<b>Session 11</b> February 11, 2018 <i>Transfiguration</i> Mark 9:2–9	Adults will explore the transfiguration as affirming Jesus' mission and calling us to follow in the way of the cross.
<b>Session 12</b> February 18, 2018 <i>Lent 1</i> Genesis 9:8–17	Adults will explore the implications of God's everlasting covenant with every living creature and all generations.
<b>Session 13</b> February 25, 2018 <i>Lent 2</i> Mark 8:31–38	Adults will weigh the cost and hope of accepting faith's call to follow God's Christ.

**Spring 2018**

Date	Session Goal
<b>Session 1</b> March 4, 2018 <i>Lent 3</i> Exodus 20:1–17	Adults will remember with Israel at Sinai the God we serve and the disciplines of living as God’s covenanted community.
<b>Session 2</b> March 11, 2018 <i>Lent 4</i> Ephesians 2:1–10	Adults will discover and articulate how God’s gift of grace described in Ephesians intends to transform our lives.
<b>Session 3</b> March 18, 2018 <i>Lent 5</i> Jeremiah 31:31–34	Adults will explore the heart-centered covenant promised by Jeremiah: God is known through experience.
<b>Session 4</b> March 25, 2018 <i>Palm/Passion</i> Mark 11:1–11; 15:1–39	Adults will keep vigil as witnesses to Jesus’ entry, suffering, and death in Jerusalem.
<b>Session 5</b> April 1, 2018 Easter Mark 16:1–8	Adults will confront the holy awe unleashed by the startling message proclaimed inside Easter’s emptied tomb.
<b>Session 6</b> April 8, 2018 <i>Easter 2</i> Acts 4:32–35	Adults will explore the empowering and gracious implications of resurrected faith for community.
<b>Session 7</b> April 15, 2018 <i>Easter 3</i> Luke 24:36b–48	Adults will consider what it means to live as witnesses to the risen Christ.
<b>Session 8</b> April 22, 2018 <i>Easter 4</i> John 10:11–18	Adults will mine the metaphor of Christ and God as shepherd, and its affirmations of being known and cared for.
<b>Session 9</b> April 29, 2018 <i>Easter 5</i> Acts 8:26–40	Adults will celebrate and follow the example of those, like Philip, whom God’s Spirit uses to open Scripture and faith to others.

<p><b>Session 10</b>  May 6, 2018  <i>Easter 6</i>  Acts 10:44–48</p>	<p>Adults will explore the Spirit’s movement and freedom to take the good news to others in surprising ways.</p>
<p><b>Session 11</b>  May 13, 2018  <i>Easter 7</i>  Acts 1:15–17, 21–26</p>	<p>Adults will reflect on ways in which the church identifies and empowers leadership for the sake of community and ministry.</p>
<p><b>Session 12</b>  May 20, 2018  <i>Pentecost</i>  Acts 2:1–21</p>	<p>Adults will celebrate the Spirit’s giving birth to the church through new speaking and hearing even today.</p>
<p><b>Session 13</b>  May 27, 2018  <i>Trinity</i>  Isaiah 6:1–8</p>	<p>Participants will identify elements of worship in Isaiah’s call and use them to vitalize their worship experiences.</p>

**Summer 2018**

Date	Session Goal
<b>Session 1</b> June 3, 2018 <i>Proper 4</i> Mark 2:23—3:6	Adults will delve into Jesus' teaching about the Sabbath and recommit to their own sabbath observances.
<b>Session 2</b> June 10, 2018 <i>Proper 5</i> Mark 3:20–35	Adults will name demonic powers that threaten God's will and commit to working against them.
<b>Session 3</b> June 17, 2018 <i>Proper 6</i> Mark 4:26–34	Adults will examine two parables about plants to help them see signs of God's kingdom in the world today.
<b>Session 4</b> June 24, 2018 <i>Proper 7</i> Mark 4:35–41	Adults will engage with this story of the disciples' fear to ponder their own fears and how facing them can lead to stronger faith.
<b>Session 5</b> July 1, 2018 <i>Proper 8</i> Mark 5:21–43	Through two stories of Jesus' healings, adults will examine how God heals and how they can participate in that healing.
<b>Session 6</b> July 8, 2018 <i>Proper 9</i> Mark 6:1–13	Adults will explore the unsettling reality that following Jesus may lead to rejection, even by family and friends.
<b>Session 7</b> July 15, 2018 <i>Proper 10</i> Mark 6:14–29	Adults will explore some possible consequences when political power confronts prophetic faith.
<b>Session 8</b> July 22, 2018 <i>Proper 11</i> Mark 6:30–24, 53–56	Adults will explore how they can model lives of compassion as disciples of Christ.
<b>Session 9</b> July 29, 2018 <i>Proper 12</i> John 6:1–21	Adults will consider the relevance of two miracle accounts for their lives today.

<b>Session 10</b> August 5, 2018 <i>Proper 13</i> Ephesians 4:1–16	Adults will reflect on the need for unity in the church in the context of great diversity.
<b>Session 11</b> August 12, 2018 <i>Proper 14</i> Ephesians 4:25–5:2	Adults will examine what it is to imitate God by following Christ.
<b>Session 12</b> August 19, 2018 <i>Proper 15</i> Ephesians 5:15–20	Adults will be challenged as Christians in community to live a life of self-discipline and thanksgiving while seeking God’s will for their lives.
<b>Session 13</b> August 26, 2018 <i>Proper 16</i> Ephesians 6:10–20	Adults will discover God’s splendid “armor” and how it helps us to withstand evil in this world.