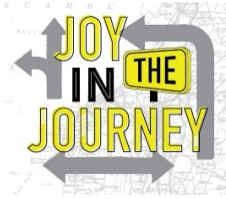


HWC Fall Sermon Series Bible Studies (Sept 6-Nov. 22)

## JOY in the JOURNEY



**From Pastor Wes:** “This Fall we are going to think about our journey with Jesus. And to help us engage with this journey we’re going to use road signs as metaphors for understanding what a journey with Jesus looks like... I hope that you will join me in this challenging and exciting journey that is leading us to joy in Christ.”

**From Pastor Paul:** “Pastor Wes has invited me to prepare adult Bible Study Guides that can be used by Small Groups, several families, friends, couples, and even individually. Meetings have been impacted by COVID 19 but needn’t restrict good Bible study. Our goal is to go deeper in applying the Word to our daily lives. These Bible Study Guides will be available online to all each Sunday afternoon. Come aboard!”

### **SUGGESTED GUIDELINES:** (for both individuals and groupings)

- Keep a regular time/appointment to use the Bible Study Guides each week. (Individuals likely need 30 minutes, groups 45 minutes to an hour.)
- Keep the main focus actual study of Bible passages and contexts. These are Bible studies with a basic pattern of Observation, Interpretation, and Application.
- Pay close attention to and explore insights, illustrations and ideas from the weekly sermon from Pastor Wes. Let his words spark thoughts, questions, conversations and application. But this is not a weekly “how did Pastor do” exercise. It is a “how are we doing” exercise – how are we understanding and applying the Word of God to our world and our lives?
- For groups, encourage active participation and sharing rather than a lecture. A leader can guide discussion using these helps with certainly additional insights and methods welcomed. Perhaps weekly leadership can be shared amongst group participants.
- For best use of time friendly introduction and greetings should not exceed 10 minutes. Actual time in the Word and discussion should make up the bulk of time. Groups will want to close with prayer for application and personal concerns. Some groups extend that time after the regular study.
- Finally, occasionally share your insights, experiences, and suggestions with Pastor Paul ([paulshea@hwchurch.org](mailto:paulshea@hwchurch.org)). It helps not to work in a vacuum. Let others know how the “Journey” is working and impacting you. We will try to share some good experiences with others.

Our first two sessions are:

September 6 – “You Want Me to Go Where? - Genesis 12:1-9

September 13 – “I Can Make It!” – Genesis 4