

**GROUP 7 - Thursdays, 7:30 to 9p.m. (Starts June 29)**

- Title: *7 Women: and the Secret of Their Greatness* by Eric Metaxas
- Leaders: Linay Richards and Ann Petro
- Meeting Dates: June 29, July 6, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17
- Location: Ann Petro's home (Pipersville, PA)
- For: Women

Join us as we learn about seven women's captivating stories (Joan of Arc, Susanna Wesley, Hannah More, Maria Skobtsova, Carrie ten Boom, Rose Parks and Mother Teresa) who changed the course of history. We will learn more about how they achieved their greatness, and how we can learn to live our lives guided by a call beyond ourselves.



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 Name(s) Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \*Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Doylestown Presbyterian Church  
 Small Group Ministry  
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**You're Invited to join a Growth Group...**

Growth Groups are open to everyone including those who are not members of DPC. Growth Groups were introduced several years ago with the mission to create and sustain groups within the church which gather together based on similar needs, stages in life, or other common interests to grow spiritually and develop a support network based on their faith. We believe these intimate environments provide the best place to grow spiritually and develop deep, meaningful Christian friendships. They're a place you can learn, ask questions, pray, socialize and meet Jesus together.

Individuals can sign up for a 4 to 9 week session with a specific group study depending upon one's interests. Enrollment will take place on a first come –first serve basis. Take a look - there is something for everyone.

Groups will begin the week of 6/4, unless otherwise noted.

**GROUP 1 - Sundays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. (Starts June 4)**

- Title: *"Journey with Christ" Series, Part 2: Practicing the Disciplines*
- Leaders: Richard Cornelius and Debbie Dailey
- Meeting Dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30
- Location: Cornelius' Home (Warrington)
- For: Anyone who has completed Part 1

JWC Part 1 emphasized the importance of becoming intentional about our spiritual growth by setting specific personal goals for spiritual growth, and being more available to the transformational work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. A further route toward spiritual growth is to adopt/practice new habits, spiritual disciplines, that are designed to draw us closer to God. In JWC Part 2, participants will explore 10 different such disciplines: journaling, prayer, Bible study, meditation, silence, solitude, fasting, confession, worship, and service. Keep an open mind/heart as you try out each of these disciplines, and you may be surprised where/how God intersects your life.

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## **GROUP 2 - Sundays, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (Starts June 4)**

- **Beer & the Bible Group: How Jesus Became God (DVD series) - *continued***
- **Leader: Tom Richards**
- **Meeting Dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**
- **Location: Plumsteadville Inn (Plumsteadville, PA)**
- **For: Men**

We are continuing through the DVD series we started in the winter. The early Christian claim that Jesus of Nazareth was God completely changed the course of Western civilization. If Jesus had not been declared God, his followers would have remained a sect within Judaism. For that reason, the question of *how* Jesus became God is one of the most significant historical questions of Western civilization. Join us for a beverage as we grapple with this pivot point of Western civilization that has indelibly shaped our culture, our thought, and the world we know. (No book required)

## **GROUP 3 - Mondays, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Starts June 5)**

- **Title: *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis**
- **Leader: Leslie Gearhart**
- **Meeting Dates: June 5, 12, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7**
- **Location: Gearhart's Home (Dublin)**
- **For: Anyone**

"A masterpiece of satire, this classic has entertained and enlightened readers the world over with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life from the vantage point of Screwtape, a senior tempter in the service of "Our Father Below." C. S. Lewis gives us the correspondence of the worldly-wise old devil to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. The Screwtape Letters is the most engaging and humorous account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written."

## **GROUP 4 - Tuesdays, 7 to 8:15 p.m. (Starts June 6)**

- **Title: *The Road to Character* by David Brooks**
- **Leader: Keith Roberts**
- **Meeting Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18**
- **Location: DPC—207**
- **For: Anyone**

In this book, David Brooks focuses on values which inform our lives as

he challenges us to look at "resume' values" (Status, fame, etc...) and "eulogy values" (Kindness, honesty, bravery, etc...) The author examines the lives of such people as Dwight Eisenhower, Dorothy Day, and Saint Augustine.

## **GROUP 5 - Tuesdays, 7 to 8:15 p.m. (Starts June 6)**

- **Title: *Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived* by Rob Bell**
- **Leader: Pauline Sexton**
- **Meeting Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27**
- **Location: DPC - AH Library**
- **For: Anyone**

If you struggle reconciling God's Love and God's Judgment, join us for a discussion on this thought provoking and theological exposition on what is a Biblical understanding of the integration between God's Love and Judgement, in contrast to what is a cultural myth. This is an easy to read, stimulating book that is guaranteed to raise questions and lively discussion. Rob Bell was the founding pastor of Mars Hill Bible Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is the author of many books and a graduate of Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA.

## **GROUP 6 - Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. (Starts June 7)**

- **Title: *Shanghai Faithful: Betrayal and Forgiveness in a Chinese Christian* by Jennifer Lin**
- **Leader: John Willingham**
- **Meeting Dates: June 7, 14, 21, July 12, 19, 26**
- **Location: DPC - AH Library**
- **For: Anyone**

Within the next decade, China could be home to more Christians than any country in the world. Through the 150-year saga of single family, this book dramatizes the religious evolution of the world's most populous nation against the backdrop of its history and strife. Written by Doylestown journalist Jennifer Lin, it offers a touching family memoir and chronicle of the spread of Christianity in China as five generations of the Lin family bring to life an epoch still unfolding.