

**GROUP 8- Fridays, 7 to 8 a.m. (Starts Feb 2)**

- Title: *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller
- Leaders: Drew Deeter, Terry Herring and Jeff Toner
- Meeting Dates: Feb 2—Mar 23
- Location: Mission Pharmacal Office (Broad St., Doylestown)
- For: Anyone

Timothy Keller uncovers the essential message of Jesus, locked inside his most familiar parable. Within that parable, Jesus reveals God’s prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. This book will challenge both the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way.



***Thank you for signing up!***

***Please return this portion to the church office or you may signup online through our website!***

***Kindly print all information.***

Name(s) Attending \_\_\_\_\_

\*Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Doylestown Presbyterian Church  
Growth Group Ministry  
Winter 2018

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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 6 to 8 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 1/28 unless otherwise noted.

**GROUP 1 - Sundays, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (Starts Jan 28)**

- Beer & the Bible Group: *The Rise of Christianity* by Rodney Stark
- Leader: Chris Nardo
- Meeting Dates: Sundays, Jan 28—Mar 18
- Location: Plumsteadville Inn (Plumsteadville, PA)
- For: Men

*The Rise of Christianity: How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant Religious Force in the Western World in a Few Centuries* is a “fresh, blunt, and highly persuasive account of how the West was won—for Jesus” (Newsweek). Stark’s provocative report challenges conventional wisdom and finds that Christianity’s astounding dominance of the Western world arose from its offer of a better, more secure, way of life.

*\*a representative of the committee will contact you to confirm your registration*

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## **GROUP 2 - Sundays, TBD by participants (*Starts Jan 28*)**

- Title: *“Journey with Christ” Series Part 3: Discovering Your Ministry*
- Leader: Dick Cornelius
- Meeting Dates: Jan 28 to Mar 18, time TBD by participants
- Location: Cornelius’ Home (Warrington)
- For: Anyone who has completed JWC parts 1 & 2

This segment of JWC will help you to discover the ministry that God has in store for you. You will explore what Scripture says about the role that serving in the Body of Christ (i.e. the church) has in your faith journey. You will discover what your spiritual gifts are, claim your passion, and better understand your calling and mission.

## **GROUP 3 - Mondays, 1:30 to 3p.m. (*Starts Jan 29*)**

- Title: *Dancing with Grace*
- Leader: Carole Hoffner
- Meeting Dates: Jan 29 to Mar 5
- Location: DPC—AH213
- For: Women

Are you “surprised” by God’s gift of salvation? Does it leave you in awe? Do you sometimes doubt that God can love you just as you are and not as you should be? Are you frequently concerned that you are not doing enough? Would you like to be free to “Dance” like no one is watching? If so, then join us to explore these questions and others as we share ways we are hindered in our ability to enjoy the freedom we have in Christ. (No book needed)

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

- Title: *Lord’s Prayer Sermon Series*
- Leader: Keith Roberts
- Meeting Dates: Feb 6—Mar 20
- Location: DPC—AH209
- For: Anyone

The sermon series during Lent will be examining that model prayer we call “The Lord’s Prayer”. We will be discussing each week’s sermon as we reflect upon the prayer Jesus taught, as recorded in Matthew’s gospel. (no book needed)

## **GROUP 5 - Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. (*Starts Jan 31*)**

- Title: *Lord’s Prayer Sermon Series*
- Leader: John Willingham
- Meeting Dates: 1/31, 2/7, 14, 28, 3/7, 14, 21
- Location: DPC Library
- For: Anyone

The sermon series during Lent will be examining that model prayer we call “The Lord’s Prayer”. We will be discussing each week’s sermon as we reflect upon the prayer Jesus taught, as recorded in Matthew’s gospel. (no book needed)

## **GROUP 6 - Wednesdays, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. (*Starts Feb 14*)**

- Title: *Lord’s Prayer Sermon Series*
- Leader: Peter and Joan Christianson
- Meeting Dates: Feb 14—Mar 21
- Location: DPC - AH 209
- For: Anyone

The sermon series during Lent will be examining that model prayer we call “The Lord’s Prayer”. We will be discussing each week’s sermon as we reflect upon the prayer Jesus taught, as recorded in Matthew’s gospel. (no book needed)

## **GROUP 7 - Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (*Starts Jan 31*)**

- Title: *Wine and the Word—Discussions based on Krista Tippet’s NPR radio Program, On Being*
- Leaders: Lynn Bush and Kim Rainey
- Meeting Dates: Jan 31—Mar 21
- Location: Home of Lynn Bush (Doylestown)
- For: Anyone

This growth group will provide a weekly link to web episodes from Krista Tippet’s radio program, *On Being*, as the focus for lively discussions. “*On Being*” opens up the animating questions at the center of human life. What does it mean to be human, and how do we want to live as Christians? *On Being* listeners, readers, and online communities cross boundaries that separate them in the culture at large: generational, socioeconomic, political, religious.