

## **Classes@Cornerstone FAQ**

**Here are a few of the frequently asked questions that you or your Life Group may be having about Classes@Cornerstone Wednesday nights Mar 14-Apr 4.**

In the Spring of 2012, Cornerstone will begin offering church-wide classes on 4 consecutive Wednesday nights, each designed help you grow as an apprentice of Jesus and give you practical next steps in community with others to help you move forward on your spiritual journey.

These classes will be part of our Transformation process along with Life Groups. Together we will provide a cycle of groups and classes that will allow us to be involved in the life giving community of Life Groups, as well as provide practical, life changing, personalized instruction in Classes @ Cornerstone.

### **Why are we doing Wednesday night classes at Cornerstone?**

Cornerstone is offering Church-wide classes for several reasons. First we are committed to the vision of the church to make disciples of Jesus Christ. In the 'Great Commission' (Matthew 28) Jesus commanded his disciples to "go into all the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the father, son, and Holy Spirit and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." That is the goal and focus of these classes to teach us as a community of disciples what Jesus taught us to do and how to do it.

Secondly we want to take the opportunity to pull together the best teachers and pastors from our community, put together the best content we can and invest in the spiritual development of our church family as we grow as disciples together.

### **Why are we encouraging Life Groups to attend classes together?**

Our hope is that by combining the power of Christ centered community and practical teaching we will help to catalyze spiritual growth and develop our community. Learning and growth happens best in community with others. That is why we think taking a class will be more effective if you do it along with your Life Group. This also allows people from our church family not yet in a group to meet, get connected to, and see for themselves the life change that happens in smaller community. We hope that not only will you grow in your time together as a group, but others taking classes with your group will also want to join in on a Life Group themselves.

We want to care for and invest in our Life Group Leaders and members of their group. These classes allow leaders to be a part of learning and growing with their group for 4 weeks each session without the pressures that come with group leadership. We also know people have a lot on their plates. Its a lot to ask people to add classes onto all they are already doing in a given week. We want to offer classes that will help our community grow without asking them to take a class on top of being in a group along with other ministry, family, and personal commitments. This way we learn and grow in a way that doesn't require more time in already full schedules.

**Are classes only for groups?**

No our classes will be open to the whole church community at Cornerstone. We would love to see everyone interested in growing as a disciple and apprentice to Jesus taking classes with us. We are encouraging Life Groups to take classes together because we all know that learning and growing happens best when we do it together.

**What can I expect from a typical Wednesday night? What will classes be like?**

The format and schedule will be Wednesday Nights 7-830p at Cornerstone Fellowship Livermore Campus:

7-725 Corporate Worship (all together in the Event Center)  
725-730 Announcements, Prayer, and dismiss for classes  
730-830 Classes

In the classes our desire is to provide environments of learning and practicing for anyone who desires to be a student of Jesus and wants to learn to become like him. They are designed to be “transformational” not “informational” in an interactive, practical way. We won’t just offer information, rather we will teach, discuss, and practice together new ways of being with God and learn practically how to love him, become like him, and allow him to transform us into the people he intends for us to be. We will target content specifically to people in different stages of their spiritual growth from Exploring, Growing, Close to Christ, and Christ Centered.

**What are some of the classes we will have to choose from and who is teaching them?**

Classes offered will cover: Growth and Transformation, Leadership Development, Loving and Serving Others, Family Life and more. Some of the teachers will include Cornerstone Pastors and Teachers like Adrian Tsingaris, Mark Calcagno, Dr. Rob Dalrymple, Josh Hall, Jayme Foulk, Melissa Doppler, Steve Ingold, Andy Madsen, Josh Jonas, BethAnn Moitoso and others. We will also include teachers from the Cornerstone community like Chuck McCallum, Dave Mosby, Brenda Dimataris, Eric Larson and guest teachers from the broader community like Dr. Leron Heath who will be teaching a class for us on Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer about the importance of Christ centered community.

For info on the class topics, descriptions and teachers for this Spring Session Mar 14-Apr 4 [click here](#)

**How often will Cornerstone offer classes?**

These classes will be offered at Cornerstone 4 weeks at a time, 3x per year. For the full schedule for Life Groups and Classes for 2012 [click here](#)

By doing classes in short bursts, several times per year we hope to maximize growth, and minimize impact on already crowded schedules.

**Is Childcare available?**

Yes. Cornerzone Childcare is provided for parents of children ages 0-5 with pre-registration.

You can register your child for childcare when you register for a class here:

<http://cornerstoneweb.org/classes/view/classescornerstone/>

**What about children and students, are there classes for them?**

Yes there will be classes offered for children ages 6-11. For this first Spring Session High school or Junior High students ages 12-18 are invited to take classes along with the adults. In future class sessions we hope to offer classes specifically for Junior High and High School students depending on interest.

**Will Parchments be open on Wednesday nights?**

Yes. You will still be able to visit Parchments Café and Bookstore on Wed evenings until 8 p.m.

**How do I register for a class?**

You can register yourself and encourage your group members to register for classes on the Cornerstone Website Here: <http://cornerstoneweb.org/classes/view/classescornerstone/>

**Can I register my whole Life Group at once?**

If you want to register your whole group for a class at once you can email the names of your group members to [classes@cornerstoneweb.org](mailto:classes@cornerstoneweb.org) and we will register your group and notify your group members for you.

If you are unable to attend a class you have registered for, please contact us so that we can cancel your registration and make your space available to someone else.

Hopefully this answers any questions you or your group might have. We hope you won't miss out on the spiritual growth and the unity we will experience as we learn and grow as apprentices of Jesus together.

If you have more questions or need help with classes please contact Colby Phelps at [classes@cornerstoneweb.org](mailto:classes@cornerstoneweb.org) or call 925-447-3465 x5476