

Welcome...

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ. This is the vision of the kind of congregation that God calls First Presbyterian Church to be. Over the next six weeks, your small group will explore the pages of scripture, draw on your shared experiences, and grow in your faith. Through Scripture, sermon, DVD presentation, this study guide, and the encouragement of one another, this small group experience should help you know your part at First Presbyterian Church as we Build Faith, Change Lives, and Share Christ.

This study guide has been designed with several uses in mind. First, it should be the foundation of your group's learning and discussion. A DVD has been provided that can be shown at the beginning of each group's session, and there is ample material in the guide that can inspire discussion and ground your learning. Each week's DVD lesson will also be available on line at www.firstpresvero.org. Second, this guide can be used for your private devotions as you read, think, and pray. If you do not already have a time of private devotion I invite you to use this guide for your own growth and as good preparation or recap for your Small Group time. Third, each week's lesson ends with a Psalm reading. Please use this Psalm as part of your prayer – whether as a group or on your own. Fourth, you will notice that the format of this curriculum changes from week to week. In the creation of this guide, we sought to use a format for each week's study that helped to bring the text and sermon to life and application. Your input and feedback about the different formats is both appreciated and welcome.

Finally, the creation of a curriculum such as this is never a solo venture. Much debt and gratitude is owed to both Debbie Eggum and Darld Black for their insight, contributions, and faithful work.

As you use this study guide over the next six weeks, may you be blessed to discover the ways that you can be a part of the ministry of First Presbyterian Church: Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ.

In Him,

Pastor Tom