

# SCHEDULE

1. Introduction	January 18, 2012
2. God and Nature	January 25, 2012
2. History and Jesus Christ	February 1, 2012
3. The Holy Spirit and the Church	February 8, 2012
<b>4. Prayer, Worship, and the Bible</b>	<b>February 15, 2012</b>
5. The Lord's Supper and Dreams	February 22, 2012
6. Work and Service	February 29, 2012
7. Friendship and Suffering	March 7, 2012

## PRAYER, WORSHIP AND THE BIBLE

### 7. PRAYER AND WORSHIP

#### OPENING HYMN: (#57, Charles Wesley)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

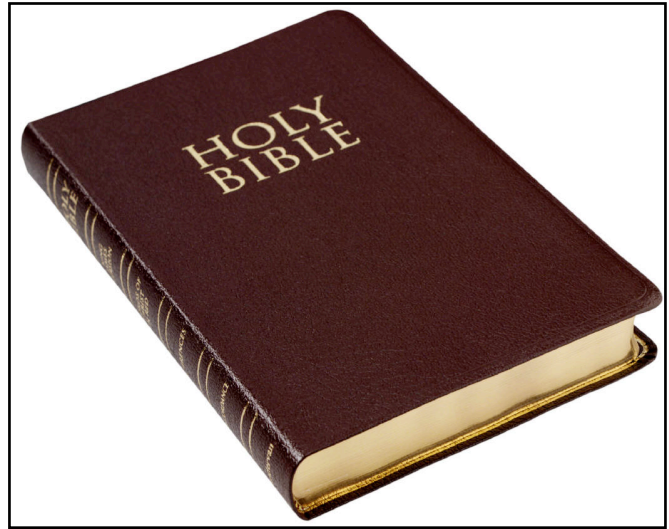
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, our loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame for joy.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen., #421, John Chrysostom)

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which is easier, talking or listening to God?
2. What is the purpose of worship and what are the essential elements in worship?
3. God speaks to us through Scripture, the Sermon, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Which is the most meaningful to you? Perhaps there is something else that happens in worship that is meaningful to you. If so, what is it?



## 8. THE BIBLE

1. Why is the Bible so popular and read so little?
2. What's your favorite Bible passage?
3. Is the Bible primarily a book of moral laws, a book of historical information, or a book of inspiration?

**CLOSING HYMN:** (#599, Mary Lathbury)

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;  
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word.

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

