

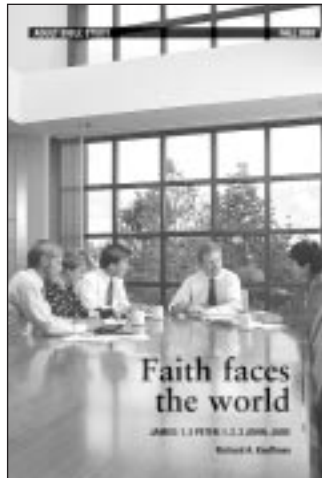
Adult Bible Study 2003–2004

Fall 2003 • September–November

Faith Faces the World

Richard A. Kauffman

This quarter examines seven books of the Bible—James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2, and 3 John, Jude. Each book explores different aspects of the response believers may make when facing both the corporate and personal influences of secular society.



Unit I
Put faith into practice

Sept. 7
Endurance in
God's strength
James 1:1–8, 12–18

Sept. 14
Faith means action!
James 1:22–27; 2:8–9,
14–17; 5:13–16

Sept. 21
Living wisely
James 3

Sept. 28
Humility is
next to godliness
James 4:1–10, 13–17

Unit II
Live in hope

Oct. 5
Called to new life
1 Peter 1:3–5, 13–21;
2:4–5, 9–10

October 12
Be a good example
1 Peter 2:11–12; 3:13–17;
4:7–11; 5:8–10

Oct. 19
Growing in faith
2 Peter 1:3–15

Oct. 26
Being faithful to promises
2 Peter 3:3–5, 7–15a, 17–18

Unit III
Live as God's children

Nov. 2
Enjoy fellowship
1 John 1:5–2:6; 15–17, 29–3:1

Nov. 9
Love one another
1 John 3:11, 14–16; 4:7–16

Nov. 16
Live with confidence
1 John 5:1–15

Unit IV
Live with purpose

Nov. 23
Remain loyal
2 John 4–9; 3 John 3–11

Nov. 30
Maintain steadfast faith
Jude 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13, 16–23

Winter 2003–2004 • December–February
A Child Is Given and Lessons for Life

James R. Engle

“A Child is Given” explores God’s gift of children with passages from 1 Samuel, Matthew, and Luke. “Lessons for Life” deals with the practical life applications found in Job, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Solomon, and Esther.

Unit I A Child is Given

Dec. 7
Dedicating to God
1 Samuel 1:20, 26–28; 2:2–8

Dec. 14
Preparing the way
Luke 1:67–80

Dec. 21
Believing God's promise
Matthew 1:18–25

Dec. 28
Learning to grow
Luke 2:40–52

Unit II Lessons for life

Part I:
Job: Integrity
in times of testing

Jan. 4
Holding firm in suffering
Job 2:1–10

Jan. 11
Seeking God
in times of trial
Job 9:32–35; 13:20–24;
19:25–27; 23:10–12

Jan. 18
Maintaining integrity
in daily living
Job 27:2–5; 31:5–8,
13–15, 24–25, 28

Jan. 25
Encountering God Job
38:1–7; 40:7–9; 42:1–6

Part II:
Wisdom for the
times of our lives

Feb. 1
The seasons of life
Ecclesiastes 3:1–15

Feb. 8
Change comes to all
Ecclesiastes 11:7–12:8

Feb. 15
The joy and wonder of love
Song of Songs 2:8–13;
7:10–12; 8:6–7

Feb. 22
Courage to risk all
Esther 3:2–3, 5–6a; 4:7–16

Feb. 29
Feasting and sharing
Esther 8:3–8; 9:18–23

Spring 2004 • March–May

Jesus Fulfills His Mission and Living Expectantly

Timothy J. Geddert

This quarter is based on the Passion narratives in the Gospels and on 1 and 2 Thessalonians and Revelation. These explore how believers apply the death of Jesus to life experience. The discussion of these narratives provides clues as to the meaning of life and death, power and weakness, love and hate.

Jesus Fulfills His Mission
Unit I

The road to death

March 7
Love and betrayal
Matthew 26:3–15, 20–25

March 14
Celebration
and anticipation
Luke 22:7–23

March 21
Praying during
tough times
Matthew 26:36–50

March 28
Falsely accused
Mark 14:55–64; 15:1–2,
12–15

Unit II
Victory through death

April 4
Putting your
life on the line
John 19:16b–24, 26–30

April 11
Changing defeat
into victory
Matthew 28:1–15

Living expectantly
Unit I

Preparing for
the Lord's return

April 18
Encouraging faith
1 Thessalonians 1:2–10;
3:6–10

April 25
Getting ready
1 Thessalonians
4:13–18, 5:2–11

May 2
Reflecting the glory
2 Thessalonians 1:3–4,
11–12; 2:13–3:4

Unit II
Visions of hope

May 9
Who is worthy?
Revelation 5:1–10

May 16
The faithful are rewarded
Revelation 7:1–3,
9–10, 14–17

May 23
A call for endurance
Revelation 14:6–13

May 30
A new homecoming
Revelation 21:1–7, 22–27

Summer 2004 • June–August

Hold Fast to the Faith and Guidelines for the Church's Ministry

Susan E. Janzen

“Hold Fast to the Faith”, based on the book of Hebrews, explores how one builds and maintains a life of faith in the midst of a variety of challenges. “Guidelines for the Church's Ministry” explores what the pastoral letters say to help congregations maintain a vibrant community life.

Unit I
Encouraged to be faithful

June 6
The reason to be faithful
Hebrews 1:1–9; 2:1–4

June 13
Partners in suffering
Hebrews 2:5–18

June 20
Be faithful: Obey!
Hebrews 3:12–4:2, 9–13

June 27
Approach in boldness
Hebrews 4:14–5:10

Unit II
Strength to be faithful

July 4
A call to higher faith
Hebrews 5:11–6:12

July 11
Call to perfection
Hebrews 8:6–12

July 18
Living faith
Hebrews 11:1–2, 4–13

July 25
Maturing in faith
through discipline
Hebrews 12:1–13

Unit III
Guidelines for the
Church's Ministry

August 1
Foundations for
effective leadership
1 Timothy 3:1–13; 5:17–19

August 8
Exercise and sacrifice
1 Timothy 4:7–16; 5:1–8

August 15
Grace for God's workers
2 Timothy 2:1–15

August 22
Remaining steadfast
2 Timothy 3:1–5, 12–4:5

August 29
Do the right thing
Titus 2:7–8, 11–14; 3:1–10



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