

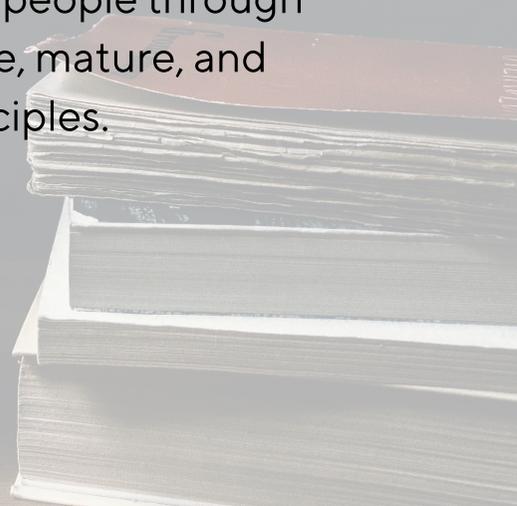
# PENNINGTON PARK INSTITUTE

TEACHING AND  
EQUIPPING THE  
CHURCH

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We believe every believer is called to deepen their walk with Christ and equip themselves to make disciples of Christ.

Pennington Park Institute exists to teach and train God's people through God's Word to make, mature, and multiply disciples.



**Growth must be intentional.** None of us drift toward wisdom or holiness. We need to be intentional both in our desire to learn and grow but also in how we learn and grow. Because this kind of gospel-growth isn't automatic, our aim is to create environments and resources where you can intentionally grow with others rather than waiting for it to happen.

**Theology is practical.** Theology is about knowing God through His Word. And we don't just mean knowing about Him but getting to know Him and everything He is for us as His people. The more we see God and are gripped by Him through the pages of Scripture, the more we become like Him and can walk with Him in every aspect of our life. This is why Pennington Park Institute is for everyone. All of us have room to grow, and all of us can grow by immersing ourselves in the Bible.

**Learning should be communal.** Learning happens best in environments where we both receive good, biblical teaching (content) and are sharpened by others (community). Through conversations, discussions, and practical applications we not only learn what is true but better discern how to apply it personally and corporately. By learning together, we can encourage and at times challenge one another in ways that do not happen on our own.

**Knowledge and wisdom increase and expand.** The more we build a foundation under our feet by learning the Story of Scripture, knowing God and His Word, and building Spiritual Habits into our life, the better equipped we will be to not only grow in our own walk with Christ but to help others along the same journey. Our hope is that as you participate in Pennington Park Institute over time, your knowledge, love, and sense of being equipped will build upon itself and expand.

# EQUIP CLASSES

## THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

Overview of the Bible's narrative from creation to redemption (Fall 2021)

## CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

The key doctrines of the faith (Spring 2022)

## UNDERSTANDING AND APPLYING SCRIPTURE

How to interpret & apply the Bible (Spring 2022)

## DISCIPLESHIP BASICS

The fundamentals of being a disciple (Fall 2022)

## SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

Key habits or rhythms of grace for knowing and reflecting Christ (Spring 2023)

## GOSPEL - GROWTH

How to grow and help others grow (Fall 2023)

## EVANGELISM

Know the gospel and how to share it (Spring 2024)

Each semester, we will offer both "Core Classes" and "Elective Classes." The Core Classes are part of a series of foundational material we recommend for every person at our church. Because of their importance, they will be offered on a three-year rotation. Elective Classes might include classes we do once because of need or interest as well as classes we might do semi-regularly that are more topic specific (such as marriage).

On the side are the Core Classes. Although we will only be doing one of these classes in Fall 2021, we wanted to present the sequence of classes and how they will build on one another.

# Fall 2021 Opportunities

## CLASSES

These classes will take place on Wednesday nights at 6:30 P.M. Childcare will be provided for nursery and Child Equip classes will be provided for preschool and elementary kids.

**The Story of the Bible** - this Core Class sets the stage for following classes by providing an overview of the Bible's storyline, characters, and key themes from creation to redemption. Learn how the Bible fits together as one unified Story. This seven week class will begin Sept. 15.

**Marriage** - learn how the Bible can shape and support your marriage with other couples at Pennington Park. This four-week class will begin meeting on Oct. 6.

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

**Forum: Schooling Options Today** - join us on Sunday, Oct. 10 to discuss how to be faithful as a Christian in your education choices. We'll talk through the strengths and challenges of the major options for schooling today, as well as provide some thoughts and encouragement for students and teachers.

**Parenting and Child Dedication Seminar** - this seminar is open to all parents but is a requirement for those wanting to dedicate their children at Pennington Park. On Saturday, Sept. 25 from 9-noon we will talk about some biblical foundations of parenting.

**Resources** - whether it's a Bible reading plan, our Resources Wall in the lobby, our online Resources page, or resources recommended or passed out in various ministries, these are ways we try to get biblical and practical material to our people.

“The heart cannot love what the mind does not know.”

Jen Wilkin