

FCC Sermon Series and Curriculum 2026

January- early April

Sermon Series: It Runs in the Family

Sunday, January 4 – Sunday, February 8 (6 weeks)

Series description:

In every era, people have stood to advance the gospel. During this series, we'll hear the legacies of some of the forerunners of our faith. We are the caretakers of those legacies that came before us. Let's learn what this means for our present day as we steward God's grace and serve in our turn.

Suggested Group Study Themes:

- **The Book of Acts:** This book teaches us about the beginnings of the life of the church and holds great power for us as we pursue God's kingdom on earth.
- **Church history:** Check out some of the resources to learn from the many forerunners of our faith.

The Book of Acts

Small Group Studies:

- [Acts: The Spirit and the Bride](#) by Tara Leigh Cobble
 - o A 10-week study designed for group discussion or individual study
- [Acts: LifeChange](#): 20 sessions
- [Life Lessons from Acts](#) - Max Lucado - 12 sessions
- [Acts](#): Randy Frazee (40 days through the book)
- [Acts LifeGuide](#): Chapters 1-12 - 12 sessions
- [Acts LifeGuide](#): Chapters 13-28, 12 sessions
- Acts - Francis Chan - 6 sessions
 - o Includes videos and a group guide on RightNow Media
- The Acts of the Apostles - Louie Giglio - 8 sessions
 - o Includes videos and a group guide on RightNow Media
- Acts: Lessons from our Backstory - 14 sessions
 - o Includes videos and a group guide on RightNow Media

To sign up for RightNow Media, go to www.fcc-jc.org/curriculum

Video Resources:

- Teaching videos with Lee Magness available at www.fcc-jc.org/curriculum and on YouTube starting the first week of January.
 - o These videos will be similar to our teaching videos on Matthew. Videos will be about 30 minutes long, and Lee will point out themes and lessons from each chapter.
 - o We will break this series into thirds starting with an 8-week section. These 8 weeks will include an introductory lesson and the first 7 chapters of Acts.
- Acts overview videos from the Bible Project
 - o <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGbNw855ksw>
 - o <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-17KxpjL0Q>
- By Tara Leigh Cobble with The Bible Recap

- Acts 1-3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2k8whJggac>
- Acts 4-6: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beEdByF-Eko>
- Acts 7-8: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XnE8KKsl8M>
- Acts 9-10: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBz_hgWFRM
- Acts 11-12: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXxVltt6s7c>
- Acts 13-14: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7KC0lOOudY>
- Acts 15-16: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orpLpseLgSw>
- Acts 17: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBPJV6Q4Gjl>
- Acts 18-19: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtd6iz3BNOg>
- Acts 20-23: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quJ_DSqI_RQ
- Acts 24-26: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xxl10Q37FuA>
- Acts 27-28: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYnq9DiWJSA>

Commentaries:

- [The Challenge of Acts - Rediscovering What the Church Was and Is](#) - N.T. Wright
- [Acts for Everyone](#) - N.T. Wright
- [New Cambridge Bible Commentary: Acts](#) - Craig Keener
- [The Story of God Bible Commentary: Acts](#) - Dean Pinter
- [Acts: Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching](#) - William H. Willimon
- [Discovering Truth in Acts](#) - J.W. McGarvey
- Acts & Beyond - Following Jesus Beyond the Isms
 - An 80-page resource by Lee Magness, covering how Acts takes us beyond activism, materialism, racism, individualism, sexism, classism, defeatism and to belief. This resource does not include a discussion guide, but it is a fantastic resource for teaching Acts thematically.

Church History

There are not many Bible studies that correspond with this theme, but here are some helpful resources to check out. These could be useful to study different people's lives as models for our faith in action.

- "Awesome God, Amazing People" - by Ethan Magness, attached to this email
 - o This includes 40 short biographies of Christian lives.
- [All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets and Witnesses for our Time - Robert Ellsberg](#)
 - o This presents short, comprehensive biographies of 365 saints and spiritual masters from Christianity and other faith traditions.
- [The Saints' Guide to Happiness: Practical Lessons in the Life of the Spirit](#)
 - o This book explores lessons we can learn from holy men and women throughout history –from St. Augustine to Flannery O'Connor, Thomas Merton to St. Theresa of Avila and Mother Theresa. These people weren't saints because of the way they died or their visions or wondrous deeds. They were saints because of their extraordinary capacity for goodness and love, which—in the end—makes us happy.
- [A Living Gospel: Reading God's Story in Holy Lives](#)
 - o This work looks on the "living gospel" that is written in human lives. From biographical reflections on traditional saints and spiritual masters (including Dorothy Day, Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton, Flannery O'Connor, and Oscar Romero), he reflects on what it means to read the spiritual text that is written in such lives. From that, we learn to read our own lives in the same light.
- [Out of the Shadows: Women of the Restoration Movement](#) - Angela Mabe
 - o This book brings to light the lives and influence of faithful women of God whose names are all-too-often forgotten. These women, whether mothers, wives, sisters, or dedicated friends, impacted the Restoration Movement in ways that changed the lives of literally tens of thousands of people. Their stories are expertly told and will cause you to reconsider how you view successful work for the Lord.

Sermon Series: Come to Life

Sunday, February 15 – Sunday, March 15 (5 weeks)

Series description:

When Jesus goes looking for a biblical text to explain his vision for the kingdom he was building, he goes to the last ten chapters of Isaiah. These are unique chapters written with the perspective of people rebuilding society post-exile. Jesus comes and says, "I am about the accomplishing of the end of the book of Isaiah." Jesus is here to enact a vision of the kingdom and the church is meant to do the enactment.

Isaiah's vision for God's people comes to life in Jesus and in you. During this series, we'll take a look at what the world looks like when God's people function in the world the way God wants them to. This vision will be rooted out of Isaiah 56-66. We'll see God's reign on earth come to life through true worship, welcome, justice, repentance, and hope.

Suggested Group Study Themes:

- **Isaiah** – you could study the whole book or focus on the last ten chapters
- **Living God's vision on earth:** This could include any series that demonstrates the mission of the church, God's kingdom on earth, or other ways we are called to live out God's vision for the world

Isaiah

Small Group Studies:

- [Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times](#) - 22 sessions
- [Upheld: Meeting our Trustworthy God through Isaiah](#) - Kori de Leon - 6 sessions
- [Isaiah - LifeChange Bible Study](#) - 18 sessions
- [Isaiah: Good News for the Wayward and Wandering](#) - 10 sessions
- The Gospel According to Isaiah - Jon Kehrer - 12 sessions
 - o On RightNow Media with videos and group guide
- Isaiah: The Hope of the Suffering Servant - Ernesto Duke - 8 sessions
 - o On RightNow Media with videos

Video Resources:

- We will likely have more teaching videos with Lee Magness to go with the book of Isaiah. These have not been developed yet, so stay tuned for more information about these videos.
- The Bible Project: Overview Videos
 - o Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0A6Uchb1F8>
 - o Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzdEPuqgQg>
- The Bible Recap
 - o Isaiah 1-4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HFaZCCArPHI>
 - o Isaiah 5-8: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsA2zgYSRZ0>
 - o Isaiah 9-12: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_r6ANJ8ukk
 - o Isaiah 13-17: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiH8kE5cG6I>
 - o Isaiah 18-22: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJZ535Ib_gM
 - o Isaiah 23-27: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSNk20WUgM>
 - o Isaiah 28-30: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kffL89JGvBs>
 - o Isaiah 31-34: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwUDB1Nlzw>
 - o Isaiah 35-36: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_69O5pmAB8
 - o Isaiah 37-39: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwgC7pPIJHI>
 - o Isaiah 40-43: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nYVOxHh8pE>
 - o Isaiah 44-48: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tChXORlguGQ>
 - o Isaiah 49-53: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVEuHCICrfo>

- Isaiah 54-58: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQwsYDLvhkg>
- Isaiah 59-63: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nct0nTmi3Nk>
- Isaiah 64-66: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGM2T8svWMc>

Commentaries:

- [Isaiah Interpretation Bible Study](#)
- [Exalting Jesus in Isaiah](#) - Andrew M. Davis
- [Isaiah for Everyone](#) - John Goldingay

Living God's Vision on Earth

Small Group Studies:

- Upside Down: Navigating a Backwards World - Jeremy Ellis - 5 sessions
 - On RightNow Media with videos and group guide
- How do we Live as Christians? - Kyle Idleman - 6 sessions
 - On RightNow Media starting in January
- Everyday Revolutionary - JD Greear - 6 sessions
 - On RightNow Media with videos and group guide
- [The Kingdom of God](#) - LifeGuide Bible Studies - 10 sessions
- [The Gospel in Life](#) - Tim Keller - 8 sessions
- Stepping Up, Stepping Out: Courageous Action for Kingdom Purpose - 5 sessions
 - On RightNow Media with videos and group guide

3/22, 3/29, 4/5

There will be a handful of sermons related to Palm Sunday and Easter in between Come to Life and the next series starting on 4/12. If you would like to study an Easter related series, here are some options. If it's helpful for your group's schedule, consider studying fewer sessions to fill a gap between different studies.

- [Jesus' Final Week](#) - LifeGuide Bible Studies

- 8 sessions
- Good Friday and Easter – Francis Chan
 - 2 sessions, group guide and videos on RightNow Media
- Jesus Saves – Sadie Robertson Huff
 - 1 session, group guide and video on RightNow Media
- Easter – J.D. Greear
 - 5 sessions, group guide and video on RightNow Media