



FALL 2017

# Encounter Workshops

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## I HATE GOOD-BYES: SEEING YOUR KIDS OFF WELL

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**DATE:** Sept. 20th  
*(single session)*

**FACILITATOR:** Mike Slofstra

**ROOM:** 117/119

This single session class is for parents whose kids will be transitioning from living at home to out of town experiences like college, work, or ministry. The objective of the class is to equip parents with tools and perspectives to make this transition well. In addition, we hope to share stories that will encourage and prepare each other in this time of change.

**DATE:** Sept. 20th - Oct. 25th  
(weekly)

**FACILITATOR:** Dan  
& Debbie Smythe

**ROOM:** 113

## JESUS: EXPERIENCING HIS TOUCH (Part 1 of 3 in the Gospel of Mark)

There are lots of opinions about who Jesus is and what it is he taught. What do you know for yourself about Jesus? In Kay Arthur's 6-week inductive study, *Jesus: Experiencing His Touch*, we'll be studying the first six chapters in the gospel of Mark. We will read about lives being transformed by the Savior's presence and learn what a difference it makes in your own life when you allow yourself to be personally touched by Jesus.

### SPECIAL NOTES:

- This inductive Bible study will meet on Encounter nights in addition to the "off" Wednesdays at 7 PM.
- Approximately 1 hour of preparation/homework per week.
- Purchase the workbook (approximate cost \$8) prior to the first class from either **Christian Connection** (the new Christian Bookstore in Fairway Center, Lynden) or at **Amazon.com**.
- Each student needs a workbook, and a set of colored pencils.

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A 6-WEEK, NO-HOMEWORK BIBLE STUDY  
MORE THAN ONE MILLION SOLD IN THE SERIES

Jesus: Experiencing His Touch

# Jesus: Experiencing His Touch

A Study of Mark 1-6



Kay Arthur & David Arthur

PRECEPT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

40minute  
BIBLE STUDIES



**DATE:** Oct. 4th & Oct. 18th

**FACILITATOR:** Gayle Kloostra

**ROOM:** Conference Room

## CELEBRATING THE REFORMATION

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! Why did the Reformation matter? How does an event that happened 500 years ago impact us today? In these two workshops we will explore the Reformation and its relevance for our lives today. The first workshop will focus on the Reformers' teachings about the Gospel and how they provide hope and comfort for us today. The second workshop will focus on the Bible and what "sola scriptura" (*scripture alone*) means.

**DATE:** Oct. 4th - Apr. 25th

**FACILITATOR:** Lynda Burke

**ROOM:** 117/119

## GOSPEL CENTERED PARENTING

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Using the book, *Parenting, 14 Gospel Principles that can Radically Change Your Family*, we will work together to explore the implications of the Gospel on our view of family and our role as parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc. Outlining foundational principles centered on the gospel, we'll apply them to our homes and encourage each other as we allow them to take hold of our own hearts. We need the rescuing grace of God—grace that has the power to shape how we view everything we do as parents. Freed from the burden of trying to manufacture life-change in our children's hearts, we can embrace a grand perspective of parenting overflowing with vision, purpose, and joy.

### SPECIAL NOTES:

- The live simulcast event hosted at Sonlight is not a prerequisite to this class. This workshop will serve as a review and deeper study of its content. Feel free to attend all or some of the workshop dates.



*PAUL DAVID TRIPP*

# PARENTING

## 14 GOSPEL PRINCIPLES

*That Can Radically Change Your Family*



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Jesus: Listening for His Voice

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A Study of Mark 7-13



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40minute  
BIBLE STUDIES

## JESUS: LISTENING TO HIS VOICE (Part 2 of 3 in the Gospel of Mark)

**DATE:** Nov. 1st - Dec. 13th  
(weekly)

**FACILITATOR:** Dan  
& Debbie Smythe

**ROOM:** 113

Although the touch of Jesus holds the power to heal and transform, only those who believe find their lives truly changed. Kay Arthur's 6-week inductive study, *Jesus: Listening for His Voice*, examines the Gospel of Mark, chapters 7 to 13 to discover not only what Jesus *did*, but also what he *said*. Experience for yourself the freedom and the power that comes from knowing truth and living accordingly.

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## WHEN HELPING HELPS AND WHEN HELPING HURTS - THE WISDOM TO DETERMINE THE DIFFERENCE

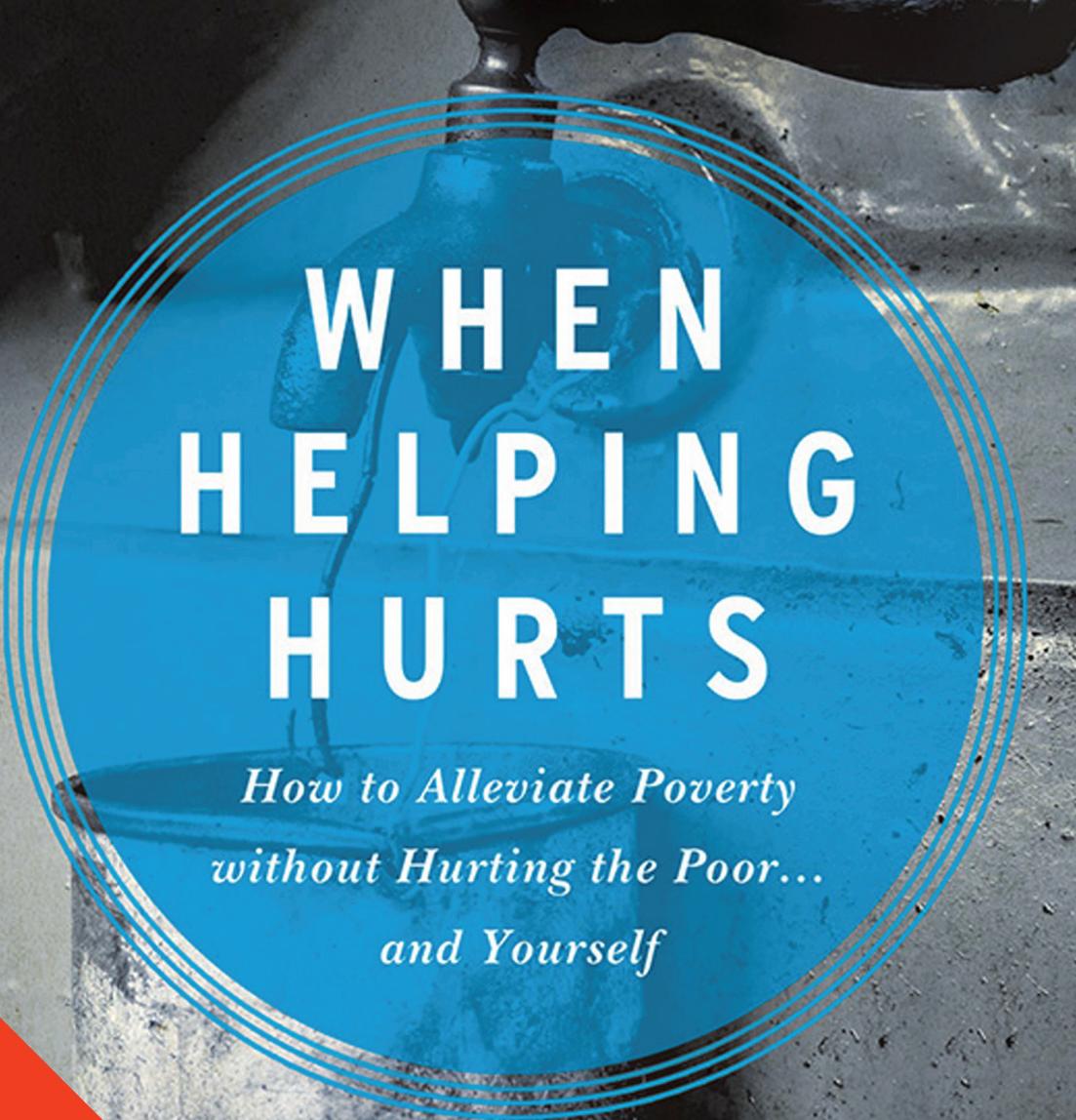
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**DATE:** Nov. 15th & Nov. 29th

**FACILITATOR:** Don Kok

**ROOM:** Conference Room

A long-term relationship in which there is love, nurture, encouragement, and respect is a key to alleviating poverty one person or family at a time. Steve Corbett writes, "If you are a North American Christian, the reality of our society's vast wealth presents you with an enormous responsibility, for throughout the Scriptures God's people are commanded to show compassion to the poor. In fact, doing so is simply part of our job description as followers of Jesus Christ (*Matt. 25:31-46*) ... Of course, there is no 'one-size-fits-all' recipe for how each Christian should respond to this biblical mandate. Each Christian has a unique set of gifts, callings, and responsibilities that influence the scope and manner in which to fulfill the biblical mandate to help the poor." This workshop will explore the challenging questions related to social justice presented in Corbett's book, *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself*.



# WHEN HELPING HURTS

*How to Alleviate Poverty  
without Hurting the Poor...  
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Jesus: Understanding His Death and Resurrection

# Jesus: Understanding His Death and Resurrection

A Study of Mark 14-16



Kay Arthur & David Arthur

PRECEPT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL



## JESUS: UNDERSTANDING HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

(Part 3 of 3 in the Gospel of Mark)

**DATE:** Jan. 17th - Feb. 21st  
(weekly) 2018

**FACILITATOR:** Dan  
& Debbie Smythe

**ROOM:** 113

The long-awaited Messiah had finally arrived—only to be betrayed and sentenced to death. Why would Jesus, who knew beforehand all that would happen and who held the power of heaven at His command, submit to being humiliated, tortured, and ultimately killed?

In this powerful study centered on the final chapters of the gospel of Mark, you'll consider for yourself all that Jesus endured to bring forgiveness to sinners and hope to the hopeless. And you'll understand as never before why it's so essential to share with others the good news of His death and resurrection.

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