



Classes



class catalog
(July - December 2008)



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Fall 2008 (July - December)

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Classes are a Big Deal!

Classes function as a major part of life at Vineyard Church North Phoenix. We have several classes designed to help you grow in your walk with God. Whether you are new to the Vineyard and are looking for a place to plug in or you have been walking with God for a long time, we have a place for you.

Look through the pages that follow to find classes of interest. Each class is designed to help you grow closer to God. You will find course descriptions, suggested class tracks, and an index of all classes. You are by no means required to take the classes in the order that they appear in the pages that follow. This book is simply designed to provide an overview of all the classes we offer at the Vineyard.

After looking through the pages that follow, if you have questions about classes or would like to sign up for any of the classes, feel free to contact the church office for more information at 623.934.4000. We will gladly do what we can to help you!

Many blessings to you in your journey with God!

Love,

VCNP Pastoral Team

Course Descriptions

Marriage Classes

How is your marriage going? Whether you are a newlywed or have been married for a while, the following classes are designed to help strengthen your marriage.

Building Intimacy in Marriage

August 3 – September 7, 8:30 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

Rekindling romance through affection, warmth, and encouragement. This six week class is designed to strengthen your marriage emotionally, spiritually, and physically. Just as we need to work at having a healthy body, we need to work at having a healthy marriage. Participants will be challenged to act and not just gain knowledge. This is a DVD series led by Jim Burns, renowned scholar on marriage and family counseling and president of HomeWord Ministries.

Marriage Mentoring

September 21 – October 26, 8:30 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

Do you have a desire to make a difference in the lives of other couples? Vineyard Marriage Ministry is looking for couples who want to use the lessons learned in their marriages to sow into the lives of others. This six week class will teach how to assist couples in growing stronger together, as well as taking your own marriage to the next level.

Biblical Sexuality

November 16 – December 7, 8:30 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

Class description coming soon.

For more information on Marriage Classes or Marriage events at the Vineyard, contact Emmanuel Qureshi at 623.934.4000 or equreshi@vcfnpc.com.

Discipleship Classes

No matter how long you have walked with God, the following classes are designed to help you grow closer to God. Through discipleship classes, we try to learn more about God as we pursue Him.

History of Christianity

August 3 – September 7, 11:30 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

This six week course will give an overview of important people and events in Church history over the past 2,000 years. We will look at the beliefs of the Early Church leaders, how the Bible was put together, the Reformation, and the Church today, among many other topics. If you're a history buff, this class is for you!

Bible's Big Picture Class

September 21 – November 2, 8:30 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

Have you ever wondered what the "big picture" of the Bible is? This six week class provides an overview of the entire Bible. You will become familiar with the major characters and themes in and throughout the Bible.

Mentoring Training

August 3 – 17, 8:30 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

Do you like to help people grow closer to God? This three week class is designed to give you tools to help someone in their journey with God.

What To Do When _____ Comes To The Door

November 16 – 30, 8:30 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

What do you do when a Mormon or Jehovah's Witness comes to the door? Do you let them in, talk with them, pray with them, etc? Through this three week class, we will explore the beliefs of Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses. We'll also explore what we should do when they come.

Biblical Peacemaking

November 2 – December 7, 11:30 am (Meeting Room)

This six week class teaches you how to respond to and resolve personal conflict in a biblical manner, and will also teach you how to coach others through the peacemaking process.

Getting Started

October 5 – November 2, 11:30 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

Are you new to being a Christian? This five week class will help you begin your journey. We'll look at what exactly salvation, prayer, and forgiveness look like in your walk with God. We'll also begin to explore developing a daily devotional time with God.

Getting Radical

November 23 – December 4, 11:30 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

Do you find it hard to spend time with God? This four week class is designed to help you begin developing a radical passion for Jesus. The class will help you memorize scripture and develop a daily devotional time.

John Readings

September 21 – October 12, 10:00 am (Meeting Room)

John's gospel is probably the simplest gospel, but also the most profound. Through this four week class, we will explore major themes and ideas John presents in his gospel. We will try to explore this book verse by verse.

Esther Readings

November 30 – December 21, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

Esther is a theologically rich Old Testament book. Through this four week class, we will explore major themes and ideas presented in Esther while we fly through this book chapter by chapter.

The Real Story of Christmas

December 7 – 14, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

What is the “real” story of Christmas? This two week class will cover the background and events surrounding the birth of Jesus. A family devotional guide will be included in the book to help your family enjoy this Christmas season in a new, God-pleasing way.

Vineyard Leadership Institute

September 2008 – May 2010

Vineyard Leadership Institute (VLI) is an intense, twenty-one month ministry training program that we offer at VCNP. It is designed for people who feel God’s call to leadership in ministry. We accept a very limited pool of students based on a demonstration of God’s call to ministry. For more information, attend the VLI Information Meeting or contact Dave M. at 623.934.4000.

For more information on Discipleship Classes or events, please contact Dave McPherson at 623.934.4000 or e-mail dave@vcfnp.com.

Leadership Classes

Do you want to be a leader at the Vineyard? The following classes will challenge you to deepen your faith in God as you learn to lead others.

Intro to Leadership at the Vineyard

August 3, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

October 5, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

Are you interested in becoming a leader at the Vineyard? This class is a first step to get you on the journey toward leading in ministry. We will explore our philosophy of leadership and path to leadership during our session. For more information, contact Dave M. at 623.934.4000.

Discovering My SHAPE for Ministry Class

August 10 – 24, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

October 12 – 26, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

This three week class will help you discover the unique gifts and passions God has given you. Through the class, we will explore how God designed those gifts to be used for His work and will help you find ways to connect those gifts to your life and to church. There is a \$5 fee for materials.

Ministry Training Class

August 31 – September 28, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

November 2 – 30, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

This four week class provides the biblical basis for praying for the hurting and the sick. It helps you understand the how and why of praying for people. This class is a prerequisite to being on the ministry team, going on a ministry trip, or being in any leadership position.

Small Group Leader Training

July 6 – 27, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

October 5 – 19, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

January 11 – 25, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

Are you interested in becoming a Small Group Leader? This three week class will help you develop the skills needed to lead a small group. For more information, class brochures are available in the west hallway of the auditorium. The cost for materials is \$5, payable at the first meeting.

Women's Leadership Training

July 20 – 27, 10:00 am (Conference Room)

October 19 – 26, 10:00 am (Conference Room)

Interested in leading a women's care group? Join us for the Women's Leadership Training Class on Sundays, July 20 – 27 or October 19 – 26. Small Group Leader Training is a prerequisite for this class.

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For more information on Leadership Classes at VCNP, please contact Dave McPherson at 623.934.4000 or e-mail dave@vcfnp.com

Women's Classes

Designed with women in mind, these classes will help you draw closer to God as you walk with Him.

Women's Evening Bible Study

October 1 – 22, 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm (VCNP Auditorium)

Join us Wednesdays from 6:45 – 9:00 pm. Through worship, relevant teachings, fellowship, skits, and fun games, we will see that God has a purpose for each of us. Register at the sign up counter. Cost is \$5 if you pre-register or \$7 at the door for snacks and supplies. Sorry, no childcare available.

Women's First Wednesday – Soul Matters

September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, 9:00 – 11:15 am (VCNP Auditorium)

We will have worship, teaching, discussion, fellowship, and snacks in the VCNP auditorium. We will cover the following topics: God's Timing (9/3), Receiving God's Mercy (10/1), Simplicity (11/5), and A Spirit of Generosity (12/3). Childcare available through kindergarten. \$3 at the door for snacks and supplies. For more info, pick up a brochure in the foyer.

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For more information on Women's Ministry, Women's Classes, or Women's Events, please contact Thora Anderson at 623.934.4000 or e-mail thora@vcfnp.com.

Small Group Classes

Small groups are essential to finding community at the Vineyard. The following classes/events will help you connect with small groups or even move towards leading a small group.

Small Group Fair

September 6 – 7, all weekend services (VC Courtyard)

We highly value community at the Vineyard. Small groups provide an incredible opportunity for you to connect with other Christians. Most sociologists argue that the average person can only know about fifty to sixty people. Even in larger cities or larger churches, the average person can only develop meaningful relationships with about sixty people. Small groups provide a means of connecting to people.

During the weekend of September 6 – 7, we will host a Small Group Fair in our courtyard. Our hope is that you will take a few minutes to look for a small group that you can connect with. Explore as many small groups as you have time for to find one that will fit you.

Small Group Hosting Class

August 17, 10:00 am (Conference Room)

Do you have a heart for hospitality? Are you considering opening your home to host a small group? Come and learn what it's all about.

Small Group Leader Training

July 6 – 27, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

October 5 – 19, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

January 11 – 25, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

Are you interested in becoming a Small Group Leader? This three week class will help you develop the skills needed to lead a small group. For more information, class brochures are available in the west hallway of the auditorium. The cost for materials is \$5, payable at the first meeting.

For more information on Small Groups, Small Group Classes, or Small Group Events, please contact Mario Fernandez at 623.934.4000 or e-mail mario@vcfnp.com.

Prayer and Counseling Classes

Interested in developing a deeper prayer life? The following classes are designed to help you develop a deeper personal prayer life as you learn how to pray for others.

Ministry Training Class

August 31 – September 28, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

November 2 – 30, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

This four week class provides the biblical basis for praying for the hurting and the sick. It helps you understand the how and why of praying for people. This class is a prerequisite to being on the ministry team, going on a ministry trip, or being in any leadership position.

Advanced Ministry Training Class

July 20 – August 3, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

November 2 – 16, 10:00 am (Meeting Room)

December 7 – 21, 10:00 am (Meeting Room)

Advanced Ministry Training is a great follow up to Ministry Training. It offers a deeper look at praying for the sick, broken, and hurting. We will meet for three weeks as we explore deeper issues of demonization, healing, and the moving of God's Kingdom.

Experience God Through Prayer

July 6 – 27, 11:30 am (Meeting Room)

This three week class is based on a classic book on prayer by Madam Guyon. It will teach short, easy but effective ways of prayer for those who hunger and thirst after God's presence.

Holy Spirit Class

August 24 – September 14, 10:00 am (Meeting Room)

If you would like to know more about the Holy Spirit and the gift of tongues, then this three week class will benefit you.

For more information on Prayer Classes and the Prayer Ministry, please contact Emmanuel Qureshi and 623.934.4000 or emmanuel@vcfnp.com.

Family Classes

The following classes are designed to help equip parents and families with resources to help them thrive as they grow closer to God.

Child Dedication Class

July 27, 10:00 am (Meeting Room)

October 19, 10:00 am (Meeting Room)

Are you interested in having your child dedicated at the Vineyard? You will need to join us for a one week class where we explore the biblical basis for dedicating your child. We will also explore the importance of laying a godly foundation for our children's lives.

Parenting Class

September 21 - October 26, 11:30 am (Meeting Room)

Class description coming soon...

Empowered Parenting Small Groups

September - November on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday nights, 7:00 pm - 9:00pm (VCNP Vineyard Kids Building)

Empowered Parenting is a new program that will offer spiritual training in a large group format, as well as practical teachings in small groups for parents. We will meet at VCNP on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays during September, October and November. Affordable children's classes are available.

For more information on Family Classes, Family Events, or the Family Ministry, please contact Jody Kingston at 623.934.4000 or jody@vcfnp.com.

Evangelism Classes

Do you have a heart for evangelism? The following classes are designed to help you share your faith with others.

Contagious Christianity

September 21 – November 2, 11:30 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

Help change our world one life at a time. This seven week class is designed for anyone who's ever felt intimidated when sharing the gospel or would like to sharpen their skills. Learn how to share the good news in a natural and powerful way while remaining the person God has made you. There is an \$8 fee for the book.

For more information on Evangelism Classes, Evangelism Events, or the Evangelism Ministry, please contact David Johnson at 623.934.4000 or e-mail david@vcfnp.com.

Music and Worship Classes

Do you have a heart for worship? The following classes are designed to help you develop a greater passion for worshipping God and developing musical skills.

Beginning Guitar Class

September 2008

February 2009

Interested in learning how to play guitar? This six week class will give you the basics of guitar and the tools necessary to begin playing. You will learn several basic chords, strumming patterns, and a few worship songs. There is a \$30 fee for class materials. Guitar rentals are available on a first come, first served basis for another \$30. Class space is limited.

Intermediate Guitar Class

June 2009

So now you know a few chords and you want to learn more. This six week class is designed to help you move to the next level in playing guitar. We will explore bar chords, scales, advanced strumming techniques, and some basic music theory. We will apply what we learn to some newer worship songs. There is a \$30 fee for class materials. Class space is limited on a first come, first served basis.

Musicians' Workshops

September 2008

Open to all musicians and all instruments. If you can play, we'll have a workshop for you. Come hungry and ready to play. We will meet in the foyer of the Main Auditorium for pizza and several workshops, including: beginning guitar, intermediate guitar, advanced/electric guitar, bass, drums, piano, voice, orchestral/band, and songwriting for worship.

For more information on Worship Classes, Worship Events, or the Worship Ministry, please contact Matt Turrigiano at 623.934.4000 or e-mail matt@vcfnp.com.

Compassion Classes

Do you have a heart for compassion? The following class is designed to help equip you to better serve the community.

Food Bank Interviewer Class

August 24, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

October 26, 10:00 am (Meeting Room)

December 14, 10:00 am (Conference Room)

Do you enjoy helping people in need? Meeting new people and praying for them? If so, becoming a food bank interviewer may be just the ministry opportunity you are looking for. In this class, we will explore how to better minister to people in need.

For more information on Compassion Classes, Compassion Events, or Compassion Ministry, please contact Mario Fernandez at 623.934.4000 or e-mail mario@vcfnp.com.

Assimilation Classes

Are you new to the Vineyard? The following classes are designed to help you find your place and grow at the Vineyard.

Newcomers' Class

July 13, 9:45 am – 12:45 pm (Adult Ed. Rooms A and B)

September 14, 9:45 am – 12:45 pm (Adult Ed. Rooms A and B)

November 9, 9:45 am – 12:45 pm (Adult Ed. Rooms A and B)

This class gives an overview of what the Vineyard is all about. You will learn who we are as a church, what we believe, where we've been, and where we're going. The class is also a prerequisite for becoming a member. If you're new or have been around for a while but haven't taken this class yet, Newcomers' is for you!

Water Baptism Class

August 17, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

August 23, 4:30 pm (Meeting Room)

August 31, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

August 31, 11:30 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

November 15, 4:30 pm (Meeting Room)

November 16, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

November 23, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

November 23, 11:30 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

If you decide you want to be baptized at the Vineyard, you will need to sign up for one of our four Water Baptisms and take a Water Baptism Class. This is a brief class (30-45min) that explores the Biblical meaning of Water Baptism. It is offered four times a year at various times prior to each Water Baptism. Call the church office (623.934.4000) or visit our website calendar to find out when the next Water Baptism is scheduled. We encourage you to invite friends and relatives to your Water Baptism to celebrate what God has done in your life!

Secret Greeter Class

August 31 – September 7, 8:30 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

October 26 – November 2, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room A)

Do you remember what it was like to be new in the church and not know anyone? Do you have the gift of hospitality? The Secret Greeter class is designed to empower you to help our guests feel at home. This two week class will equip you to share the heart of the Vineyard with our guests in an easy, natural way.

For more information on Assimilation classes, contact David Johnson at 623.934.4000 or e-mail david@vcfnp.com.

Financial Help Classes

Do you need help setting a budget or working with your finances? The following classes are designed to help you

Financial Peace University

FALL 2008

Orientation August 9, 4:30 pm (Meeting Room)

Orientation August 10, 11:30 pm (Adult Ed. Room B)

FPU is a thirteen week life-changing program about personal finance. Stop living with guilt, frustrations and headaches that come with trying to manage your personal finances. You owe it to yourself and those you love to find what thousands already have: Financial Peace.

For more information on Financial Help Classes, please contact Mike Hall at 623.934.4000 or e-mail mhall@vcfnp.com.

Men's Classes

Men, are you looking for a way to be challenged? The following classes will help you grow in your walk with God.

MoMENTum - Winning at Work and with Money

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6:30 pm (Youth Auditorium)

Men's bi-monthly gathering. In a typical MoMENTum service, you will eat a great man-sized meal and hear a challenging teaching by Robert Lewis. The series is called, "Winning at Work and with Money." After the teaching, we break up into small groups to discuss the lesson and how it relates to our lives. Cost is \$6.00 in advance or \$8.00 at the door.

Men's Leadership Class

September 21 – 28, 10:00 am (Adult Ed. Room B)

Are you interested in learning how to become a more effective leader among men? Would you like to get more involved in the Vineyard Men's Ministry? Join us for this two week class and see what God can do through you.

For more information on Men's Classes or Men's Events at the Vineyard, please contact Mario Fernandez at 623.934.4000 or e-mail mario@vcfnp.com.

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